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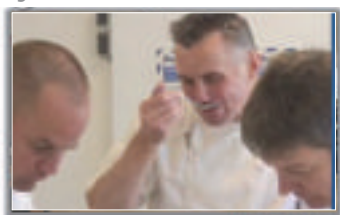
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GARY'S PROUD RETURN

Celebrity chef Gary Rhodes samples the work of up-and-coming chefs during a visit to the kitchens of Thanet College in Broadstairs. Gary, a former student at the college, was presiding over the Junior Chef 2008 competition. "It's been tremendous to be here," he said. "I always feel very proud when I come back as it is where my career started."

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■ BY TOM BETTS

CAMPAIGNERS are demanding to know why Thanet District Council appears to have "delayed" the creation of a town council for Ramsgate.

Thanet council funded a referendum on the matter in November 2006, a move that cost more than £41,000 - money wasted, according to those calling for Ramsgate to have its own authority.

The town's residents voted for a town council in the referendum, but nothing has happened yet and voters have been left in limbo, with many assuming the idea had been forgotten.

Thanet council has pointed to legislative matters for the lack of progress, but now - a year and a half on from the referendum - it seems the process may be starting up again.

In October 2005, the group Ramsgate First organised a petition asking people if they wanted a town council, under the 1997 Local Government Act.

The move was then succeeded by a Thanet council parish review, but a vote was triggered when Ramsgate First submitted a petition calling for a town council to be formed.

Initially, this would take the form of a parish council, but members could vote its development into a town council at the inaugural meeting.

About 60 per cent of those who voted in the referendum decided they wanted a town council.

Ramsgate First chairman Gerry O'Donnell said: "Thanet council has dragged its heels for 15 months. The people have expressed their wish to be granted their own council."

Mr O'Donnell has now written to the Department of Communities and Local Government to demand a resolution.

He said: "I hope this matter can be resolved

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CLASSIC: Last two passenger-carrying Douglas DC-3 Dakotas will leave Manston for the final time

Aviation icon taking off for farewell tour

■ BY TOM BETTS

ONE of aviation's most significant aircraft takes off on its final passenger flight next week, and Kent International Airport will play host.

The iconic Douglas DC-3, better known as the Dakota, will depart from the Manston airfield with passengers on board as part of its farewell tour around Britain.

Dakotas have had a long association with the airport, having flown from there in the Second World War when it was RAF Manston.

The last two passenger-carrying Dakotas in the country, Romeo Alpha and Papa Yankee, fly out on Monday and Tuesday.

EU rules have forced the Dakotas into retirement and owner Air Atlantique Classic Flight has reluctantly decided that it cannot convert them to comply with new legislation

which will come into effect in July.

KIA chief executive Matt Clarke said: "Quite simply, the Dakota is a legendary aircraft and we are proud to be playing our part in its farewell tour, particularly given the airport's association with the plane."

Flying for the first time in 1935, the DC-3 proved a reliable and versatile aircraft and more than 12,000 were built, excelling as luxury airliners, transport planes, bombers, fighters, crop-sprayers and general workhorses.

They have flown more miles and carried more passengers and cargo than any plane in history.

The military version was used extensively by the Allies during the Second World War and played a key role in saving Berlin during the Cold War airlift of 1948/49. It also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars.

The flights are fully booked, but enthusiasts will be able to get a great view of the Dakota as it bids farewell to Kent from the airport's perimeter fence.



WHY WAIT? Ramsgate First's Gerry O'Donnell
'To be denied a council would be an outrage'

FROM FRONT PAGE

quickly, to the satisfaction of all the electorate of Ramsgate. To be denied their own town council would, I imagine, cause great outrage – and rightly so."

A Thanet council spokesman said: "There are new legislative powers that allow councils to manage these processes rather than the Department for Communities and Local Government."

"We have received formal permission from the Department for Communities and Local Government to take forward work on this."

"We will review these new powers and establish the best way forward under the new legal regime."

"It is regrettable if some residents feel there has been a delay in this, but we have unfortunately been caught up in a fundamental change in the relevant legislation."

Mr O'Donnell, however, said: "I have been advised by the Department of Communities and Local Government that the delays are entirely of Thanet council's making."

"But for these delays, there was every reason to suppose elections for a Ramsgate Parish Council could have taken place in May 2008."

UKIP election challenge

RAMSGATE'S Trevor Shonk will run for Parliament at the next general election.

The self-employed lorry driver, 59, will fight the campaign for the UK Independence Party and says he has no fears about facing the incumbent MP, Labour's Stephen Ladyman, and his Conservative challenger Laura Sandys.

The Thanet South seat is expected to be one of the key marginals in the battle for election glory.

An election is expected in 2010.

Cark parks' top marks

TWO Thanet car parks have been awarded Park Mark awards.

The Trinity Street car park in Margate, and Queen Street car park in Ramsgate both received awards for the first time, for their safe and secure parking environment.

The awards are handed out by the British Parking Association as part of its safer parking award scheme.

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Star Rhodes back to judge young chefs

Ex-college pupil tastes best on offer at mouth-watering final

■ BY TOM BETTS

GARY Rhodes returned to his old stomping ground last week.

The star chef visited the kitchens at Thanet College in Broadstairs to preside over the Junior Chef 2008 competition.

He donned his chef's whites to watch over the preparation of the meals with Neil Wiggins, head chef at Eastwell Manor. The pair also tasted the end products of eight main courses and desserts before passing judgement.

The highly-rated young cooks each produced dishes to hopefully make the mouth water at the national final, held at the college where Rhodes learnt his trade.

He said: "It's tremendous to be here. I always feel very proud when I come back here as it's where my career started. The standard has been so high. We didn't think it would match last year, but to find that it has surpassed it is really quite phenomenal."

He added: "It's wonderful to encourage young

people to join this industry. You can never get bored of it, there's always something new to learn and something new to see."

Ramsgate's Anthony Plant, 15, opted to take an unusual approach with his smoked eel, while he finished off his presentation with a raspberry cheesecake for dessert.

The teenager entered the competition in 2005, aged just 12, but could not quite do enough to win this time around.

The Sandwich Technology School student finished as a runner-up, but it was Jack Cunnell, from Stowmarket in Suffolk, who impressed the judges most.

Following an excellent lunch, prepared by the college students and attended by local dignitaries, Jack was announced as the nation's brightest young cooking hope and awarded the cup and a cheque for £250.

His main course of lamb with beetroot puree proved a particular highlight and was commended by Rhodes, who told him: "It just had that bit extra."

The college's head of catering, hospitality and tourism, Roger Phillips, said: "The competition



IMPRESSED: Former Thanet College student Gary Rhodes said the standard at the Junior Chef 2008 finals had been an improvement on last year's range of entries

is a fantastic way of encouraging youngsters to stretch their talents.

"It raises awareness of the enjoyment, satisfaction and rewards that come from a career within the catering and hospitality industry."

No Westwood X-odus for store

RUMOURS that Debenhams is to leave Westwood Cross are unfounded, according to bosses at the shopping centre.

Camping and outdoor wear store Millets is packing up and leaving the complex as part of a series of countrywide closures, while Debenhams was rumoured to be delaying completion of a new lease due to concerns over rent.

However, the retailer, one of the centre's flagship stores, has renewed its lease, securing its presence at the centre for many years, according to a spokesman for Land Securities, which owns Westwood Cross.

Dominic King, of Land Securities, said: "As far as Land Securities is concerned, there are no rent issues at Westwood Cross. All the retailers, including our Debenhams anchor store, are continuing to trade in line with market expectations."

Meanwhile, Primark, one of Margate's busiest stores, has denied it is leaving town to move to Westwood Cross.

A spokesman for owner Associated British Foods said: "We know of the rumour, but there is no truth in it."

Wheelchairs a shore thing for disabled

DISABLED people can enjoy a new wave of freedom on Ramsgate beach.

Specially-adapted wheelchairs will be available to use during the summer.

While standard wheelchairs get stuck in the sand, the new all-terrain versions with large, hollow wheels can travel over sand and into shallow water.

The chairs make their first appearance at a family fun day on the beach on Friday, May 30, from 11am to 3pm. There will be a range of sporting activities and a sandcastle competition.

The chairs are free to use as part of the Beach Within Reach charity and £5,000 of funding has come from the Thanet Local Board, via Kent County Council's Local Schemes Grant.

Beach Within Reach and Thanet council are also working together to expand the wheelchair scheme to other beaches around the isle.

Run for deaf school

A FUN run to raise funds for the Royal School for Deaf Children in Margate takes place next week.

The run leaves the University of Kent at Canterbury at 10am on Saturday, May 31.

Entry is £3, which will be waived if £30 sponsorship is raised.

The proceeds will go towards bicycles and sports equipment. All sponsorship money must be brought along on the day.

For details, email Tom Marsh at t.j.marsh@kent.ac.uk or Emma Bourne at ebourne@royalschoolfordeafkent.sch.uk.

Phone 01227 700041, or turn up and enter at the Pavilion on UKC's Canterbury campus at 9.30am on the day.

Tory backs party pledge to keep gardens green

LAURA Sandys, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for South Thanet, has welcomed an announcement that under a Tory government, garden development would be stopped.

She said: "I have been bringing to the attention of my colleagues the number of gardens in Thanet, Sandwich and our villages that are being built on and am pleased it is now official policy that gardens will remain gardens under a Conservative government - not brownfield sites."

She added: "Across our area there has been more and more development in people's back gardens - with many more development applications currently under way."

"You can see the change in character to a road such as Cornwall Gardens in Cliftonville, where one garden is being turned into 14 flats."

Ms Sandys supported the villagers in Pegwell village who had objected

to a number of homes across back gardens. The planning permission for that development was deferred by Thanet council's planning committee.

Ms Sandys said: "There is an application to put tens of flats on the site of three houses in Downs Road."

"Not only will these flats change the whole character of the road, but the increase in traffic could be a major safety issue for children on their way to school."

"I am not against development that is sensitive, appropriate and agreed by local people, but today we have centrally-imposed targets we have to meet, otherwise our local council is penalised."

"Every garden is a potential block of flats with our local representatives often overturned by this government's appeal process."

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War memorial restored to its former glory

A WAR memorial in St Peter's commemorating those who died in the First World War has been restored.

The two pieces of the St Peter's-in-Thanet War Memorial have been cleaned up after suffering many years of frost damage.

The money to restore it came from Thanet council's war memorials budget.

The granite cross, which bears the coat of arms of St Peter's, Canterbury, Kent and England, stands at St Peter's church in the village's high street.

It also features the names of the dead engraved into glazed ceramic tablets, set in a flint wall under a Kent-peg roof.

The work was carried out by a local mason.

Cllr Roger Latchford, cabinet member for culture and economy, said: "It's important we conserve our war memorials, so future generations can remember the sacrifices people have made to ensure our freedom today."

KCC loses Hart in shadow cabinet

LABOUR county councillor Clive Hart has resigned from his role in KCC's shadow cabinet.

Cllr Hart says he grew fed up with the travelling for his role as shadow education spokesman and believes his time would be better spent in his own ward.

He said: "I've decided to call it a day with regards to my role on the cabinet. I'm still a county councillor, but as far as being the spokesman for education goes I'm not going to be doing that any longer. "There's too many issues more local that need to be looked at to be travelling up to Maidstone all the time."

"I've got to do the right thing."

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'How I got the measure of our election hopefuls'

No councillor safe from Bernard's Barometer

BY TOM BETTS

IT'S Bernard's Barometer, the political monitor!

Birchington man-about-town Bernard Laroche has set up a system to keep tabs on his parish councillors in the run-up to elections taking place in the ward.

The 74-year-old is organising a talent contest for his area under the name Birchington's Got Talent, but he is far from impressed by some of the talents of the area's politicians.

He reckons his system could help inspire and inform the public over which politicians are doing a good job and which are lacking in some departments.

The former printer has already taken the measurements for his first Bernard's Barometer and said: "I enjoy politics, so decided to set this up. I don't mean any harm and it's just my opinion, but I hope people will take notice."

"I go to a lot of council meetings and take an

interest in what's going on. Quite often I'm the only person who goes along to see the meetings, so I'm in as good a position to do it as anyone else."

Mr Laroche's first measurements are damning of parish council chairman John Garland. He rates him a mere two out of 10 and says: "It seems he either doesn't know or is unwilling to respond to issues in the community."

The grandfather is not very complimentary about Cllr Roger Latchford, either.

The Thanet council man for culture and economy scored just one out of 10 on the scale.

Mr Laroche said: "In recent months, he's been more concerned with what's going on in China than Birchington, taking up a valuable seat at the council."

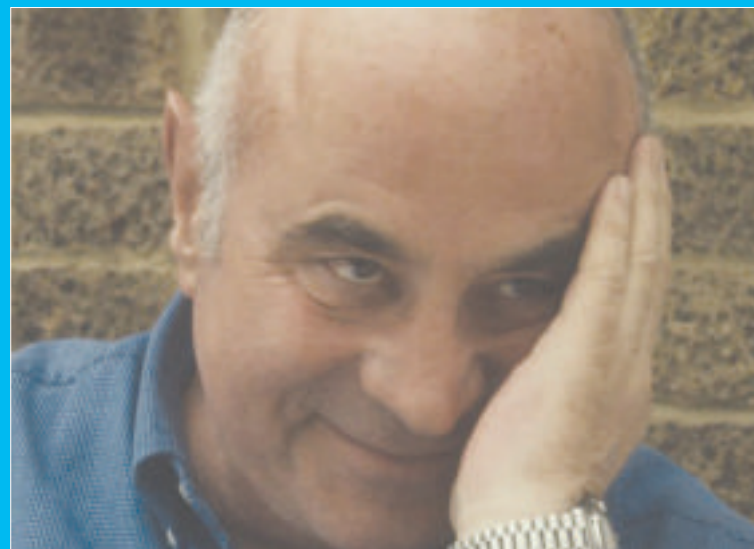
One man who comes in for praise, though, is Dr Jack Cohen, whom Mr Laroche rates as a "truthful and honourable councillor" and who scores as a six out of 10 for his efforts.

Councillors Brian White, Dennis Cooper, Margaret Sheldwick, Jean Flemming, John Worrow and clerk Colette Coleman also score a six, which Mr Laroche says is a "good average."



RAISING THE BAR: Bernard Laroche believes in Birchington's entertainers, but what does the former printer make of the village's political talent?

BOB HELPS PUT ISLE IN THE PICTURE



A film shot largely in Thanet screens in Canterbury this week.

Ruby Blue, starring Bob Hoskins and a host of talent from the isle, comes to the Gulbenkian Cinema at the University of Kent on Friday.

The picture was made by Ramsgate's Medb Films. Ramsgate schoolgirls and friends Shannon Tomkinson and Jessica Stewart both play key parts after they were spotted at a local stage school.

Director Jan Dunn will hold a Q&A session after the screening at the Gulbenkian (start time 5.50pm).

She said: "It's about the innocent friendship of an elderly man [Hoskins] with a little girl who moves in next door to him."

"It doesn't take long for local gossip to build to a frenzy when he becomes the main suspect when the child goes missing. It's really about loss of community I felt when I was growing up."

Further screenings take place on Saturday, May 24, at 8.50pm and Sunday, May 25 at 6.20pm.

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Picture: TOM BETTS

NOISE LEVELS: Reporter Tom Betts outside the new state-of-the-art Vue cinema complex at Westwood Cross

Sound advice when you go to the cinema

EAR muffs could be the perfect accompaniment to your cinema popcorn.

Sound levels in the area's newest cinema could be damaging people's hearing, according to a local hearing expert.

Tests by Hearbase Ltd, a hearing aid supplier, found that a screening of effects-laden blockbuster 10,000BC at the Vue Cinema at Westwood Cross registered a whopping 117.8 decibels at a peak average.

That level is louder than a rock concert, which has a peak average of 115 decibels.

The screening also pitched above 125 decibels on several occasions, a level louder than a pneumatic drill.

Hearbase has an audiology clinic at the QEQM Hospital in Margate.

Director Mark Scrutchings said the levels were dangerously loud and could damage hearing: "These results are scary and are proof that some cinemas are showing films at dangerous volumes."

Hearbase is now calling for cinemas in Kent to have one showing a week where sound levels are turned down so that everyone can enjoy the silver screen.

Mr Scrutchings said: "We are urging cinemas to inform customers about the risks and offer the choice of a quieter performance. Showings for children should also be quieter as there is concern about the risks of hearing damage and

■ BY TOM BETTS

young people. Even a small decrease in volume would significantly reduce the risk."

He added: "We are not trying to be killjoys and want people to enjoy entertainment. But cinemagoers should be better informed about the risks of listening to very high noise levels."

"In industry, employers have to make their staff wear hearing protection if work involves noise at more than 85dB."

The tests were done in Thanet on March 26 at the new Vue multiplex and the results have been released as part of Deaf Awareness Week.

Sound levels at four other picture houses in Kent were also tested on the same day.

All recorded levels above 100dB consistently and most were frequently above the 115dB level expected at a rock concert.

A Vue spokesman said: "Film-makers request the sound level at which they would prefer their film to be played. However, before any film is played to an audience, our projection team rehearse the film and check the sound levels. At this point, if they are thought to be too loud, the levels will be adjusted."

He added: "The projectionist can also reduce the volume during the film as peaks and troughs in volume can vary tremendously."

"If a customer feels the volume is too high they should inform staff and the sound will be turned down."

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Older citizens' views surveyed by council

SENIOR isle residents have given their views on how they would like to see Thanet council communicate with them.

Surveys were sent out with bus permit renewal letters to find out how they would prefer to receive information about council services in the future and which services they are interested in.

It also asked where they would like to see information displayed.

Other questions included which local newspapers they read and which local radio stations they listened to, and which services they would like to see provided in the future in Thanet's Gateway Plus.

The feedback will be used to make improvements to how and where council information is available in Thanet and help to shape the development of a strategy for older people.

Cllr Jo Gideon, cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, health and communities, said: "It's been encouraging to see so many taking the time to get involved and have their say. Their opinions will be invaluable to us."

Popular Thai restaurant does the business again

A RAMSGATE restaurateur is up for a top business award.

Damrong Garbutt, founder and chef of the Surin Restaurant in Harbour Street, is a finalist in the Creative Industry section of the Kent Business Awards.

The award aims to highlight best practice in skills and training.

She said: "I love cooking and can use my creative and technical skills to show people not only my favourite recipes, but also how my staff can develop their hospitality skills."

The chef is hoping to gain a Michelin star this year, which would make it the only Thai restaurant in the country to hold one.

Flower festival to raise funds for church heating

A FLOWER festival and small concert will be held in Minster over the coming Bank Holiday weekend.

The festival event takes place at the St Mary's Church in Minster from 11am to 5pm this weekend (May 24-26).

A concert by the St Mary's Church Choir will be held on Saturday from 7.30pm.

All proceeds will go towards the church's new heating system.

Two radiators are needed to complete the project and keep the congregation warm.

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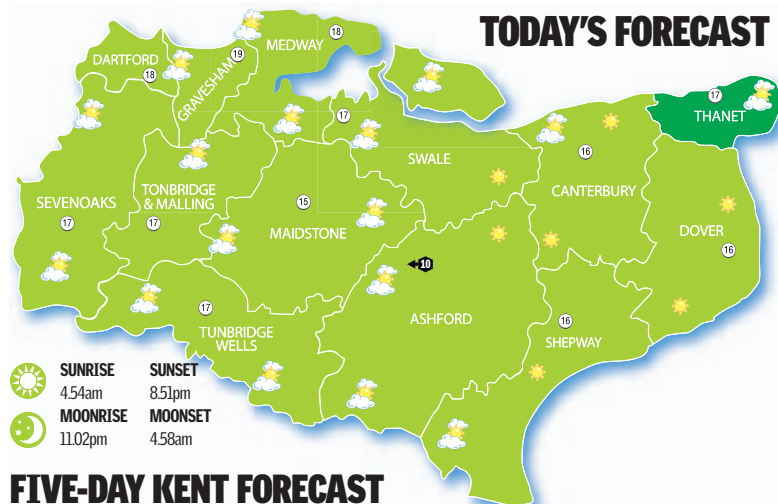
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Dover	Saturday	1:22pm	6.2m
	Sunday	1:54pm	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	1:15pm	7.2m
	Sunday	1:46pm	7.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	1:52pm	4.7m
	Sunday	2:24pm	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	2:45pm	5.5m
	Sunday	3:16pm	5.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	2:52pm	4.9m
	Sunday	3:22pm	4.9m

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Athens	24°C	New York	18°C
Barcelona	18°C	Paris	16°C
Beijing	27°C	Rome	21°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	17°C
Cape Town	27°C	Tenerife	24°C
Cardiff	12°C	Tokyo	23°C
Gibraltar	20°C	Vancouver	20°C
Hong Kong	24°C	Warsaw	11°C
Las Palmas	23°C	Wellington	15°C

FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	16°C	17°C	18°C	19°C	17°C	Gravesend	15°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	19°C
Canterbury	13°C	15°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	Maidstone	14°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	19°C
Chatham	13°C	14°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Ramsgate	13°C	15°C	17°C	18°C	18°C
Dartford	15°C	17°C	19°C	20°C	19°C	Rochester	13°C	14°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Dover	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	15°C	Sevenoaks	13°C	15°C	18°C	18°C	18°C
Faversham	13°C	14°C	16°C	17°C	17°C	Sittingbourne	13°C	14°C	16°C	17°C	17°C
Folkestone	14°C	15°C	16°C	15°C	15°C	Tonbridge	15°C	17°C	19°C	19°C	20°C
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Cubit takes 48 cars off roads

ALMOST 50 untaxed and abandoned vehicles were removed from the streets of Thanet during the latest round of Operation Cubit.

During the four-day crackdown a total of 48 vehicles were taken away.

Owners who want to reclaim their vehicles have to pay £200, of which £120 is refundable if the vehicle is taxed within two weeks.

Cllr Jo Gideon, cabinet member for safer neighbourhoods, health and communities, said: "These results show that untaxed and abandoned vehicles still remain an issue in Thanet, albeit a much smaller one than it was a few years ago, before Operation Cubit began."

"Unfortunately, there's still a small minority of motorists who think that they can get away with not taxing their vehicle."

Operation Cubit involves Thanet council, the police, county council, the DVLA and Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

Round trip for charity

TWENTY Isle men got together to raise money for a children's hospice over the May Day bank holiday weekend.

Pedal power was put into effect as the group made their way round much of Kent to raise money for Demelza House.

The 82-mile first leg of their journey took in the coast from Kingsgate to Faversham before heading down through Charing and Tenterden to Hythe.

An overnight stop-off at a hotel before heading back to Kingsgate through Folkestone, Dover, Deal and Sandwich completed a 125-mile round trip.

Participant and IT salesman Andy Fleet said: "It was good fun, but we struggled a bit on the later part of the first day. The wind was really in our faces through Romney Marsh."

The group raised £2,000 for its efforts.

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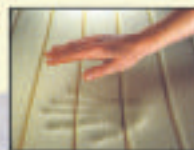


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QUESTION & ANSWER

PETER DONELLY



Q How has the new casino been going so far?

A The run-up to opening seemed like a long time, during which we'd built up a lot of anticipation in the area through the PR and marketing campaigns. Because of this hype we've got off to a great start. We've been open just over two months and it's going really well.

We have in the region of 34,000 members and just under 10,000 of these are new members, ie they weren't previous members at the Grosvenor Casino. This is great news for us as it means we've reached a new audience for the venue and facilities. The customer experience is so different at G Casino from the old casino that they really aren't comparable.

Of course our previous members are more than welcome to come in as much as they want to as many of them had become friends of ours over the years.

Q Have you been pleased with the number of members who have joined?

A We've been thrilled with the number of new people through the door. There's always a period of uncertainty in the run-up to opening, particularly now that the 24-hour rule has been abolished, meaning that people don't need to join up prior to their first visit. I personally felt quietly confident as I could feel the buzz in the area, hearing people talk about the new casino, seeing the press ads and media coverage.

Since opening, we've gone from strength to strength and have a variety of promotions,

poker events and marketing activity planned to ensure the buzz remains.

For example, I am pleased to announce that G Casino will be the main sponsor of the Broadstairs Folk Week this year – given our commitment to live music this was an ideal opportunity for us to be involved with the community. We also hope to hook up with businesses in Westwood Cross to provide a World Music event at the same time in the piazza area next to the restaurants and the casino.

Q What do you think the new venue has brought to the area?

A It's brought a fantastic alternative as a night out. The environment is friendly and relaxed, the team are highly trained to offer exceptional customer service and we generally just want everyone to have a good time. The venue is contemporary and stylish and offers a whole range of experiences, including a trendy bar area offering a variety of cocktails and wines, a relaxed dining experience, regular live entertainment and even a café serving Starbucks coffee and offering free Wi-Fi. And that's all on top of the traditional casino gaming!

Q Have you always been interested in gambling?

A Although I do enjoy an evening of poker with friends occasionally, I wouldn't classify myself as a particularly experienced gambler, which is just as well as the Gambling

Commission discourages playing in casinos for people who may have to make decisions about the games for others.

I have always enjoyed betting on big sports events, but to be honest my interest has always been about the provision of top-quality customer service and the effective marketing and promotion of gambling venues.

Q What plans do you have for the casino's future?

A To continue to build on the strong foundation we have, grow the customer experience through the use of exciting promotions, building relationships with local businesses to potentially offer some joint promotions, and keep doing what we're doing, really. The venue speaks for itself and is a really unique offering for Thanet and the whole of the Medway and east Kent area, so we just need to ensure that people firstly know about it, secondly come down and try it, and, lastly, like it so much that they want to come back.

Q What do you like to do in your spare time?

A I haven't had a great deal of spare time recently given that we open from 4pm until 4am, but I am looking forward to this season's Rock Doc walks around the Thanet coastline with my daughters Ruby and Lola.

Dr Alastair Bruce never ceases to amaze my family and me with his fascinating facts about the wildlife and geology of the area.

Q & A

This week's interview is with Peter Donnelly, venue director at G Casino Thanet. He told **Tom Betts** about the opening of the casino and why he is so excited to be involved in the growth of an isle business.

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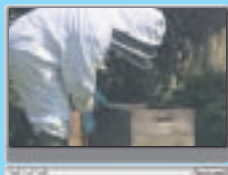


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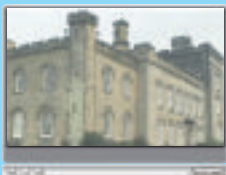
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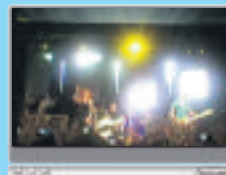
Chiddingstone Castle has been reopened to the public as part of the Seven Wonders Of The Weald tour.



First World War 'Tommy's' will be at Dover Castle during the bank holiday. Yourkntv has been given a sneak preview.



Lest we forget: Ed Hill reports from the Flanders region of Belgium, having toured First World War cemeteries.



Paramore on the In New Music We Trust stage at Radio 1's Big Weekend, one of many clips available to music fans.

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The siren of the sea

BY NICK AMES

A LAUNCH patrolling the county's coast is Kent police's newest weapon in the fight against crime and terrorism.

The Alexandra III carries on a tradition started in 1830, when the force used rowing boats – but she is the first craft at the disposal of officers since 1995.

She will be tackling illegal immigration, drug trafficking, people smuggling and terrorism.

The 53-foot long vessel, which is capable of speeds up to 27 knots, was originally designed as a prototype lifeboat but was modified for police work at a cost of £150,000.

She has been partially funded by the rise in the police share of the council tax in 2007.

Called a "floating police station" by Chief Constable Michael Fuller, she has a crew of three but can carry up to 16 – including firearms and other specialist teams.

The boat will work alongside two existing high-speed rigid inflatable craft, which are used for intercept work.

She has been called the Alexandra III as Kent police have already had an Alexandra I and II – named after the daughter of the late Duke and Duchess of Kent, who is also first cousin to the Queen.

The boat will be based at Sheerness on the Isle of Sheppey, but her patrol area encompasses the whole of the Kent coastline, which is the longest in England, stretching 350 miles from Dartford to Dungeness and a major gateway to continental Europe.

Ann Barnes, chair of the Kent Police



FLOATING POLICE STATION: The Alexandra III will be patrolling the county's 350-mile coastline

Authority, officially launched the Alexandra III in a champagne ceremony last Wednesday.

She said: "I'm really pleased to have this new asset that will act as our main police boat. Those who live or work by the sea will hopefully notice a police presence on the waters.

"An effective police force has to be able to stretch from dealing with localised problems to international organised crime and terrorism."

The boat is designed to operate alongside the country's Border Agency and will also be used to tackle rogue shipping.

Mr Fuller said: "This boat will be invaluable in increasing our capability and visi-

bility around the Kent coast and in the county's waterways.

"It will dramatically enhance the work we already do with our colleagues in other police forces and agencies, and help prevent the use of our coast and rivers for organised crime and terrorism.

"With its crew it will act as a virtual floating police station and provide protection and service to everyone in Kent."

Superintendent Andrew Lyttle, who has led the project, added: "This represents three years of planning and I'm delighted that the marine boat is going to add so much value to our policing effort."

Big overtime bill for Kent officers

POLICE officers in Kent claimed more than £12.5 million in overtime last year, new figures show.

The payments, made to constables and sergeants for working additional hours, was the seventh highest of all the 53 police forces in the UK.

The overtime payments, uncovered by industry magazine Police Review in a Freedom of Information request, show more than half-a-billion pounds was paid to police officers in the UK last year.

The biggest overtime payments went to officers in the Met police, with the 31,000-strong force pocketing an extra £135.9m last year.

Next was Strathclyde in Scotland, which covers Glasgow, with a £26.1m overtime bill, followed by Greater Manchester with £25.1m.

West Midlands came fourth with £20m, Thames Valley was fifth with £15.7m, and just above Kent was Northamptonshire with £15m.

The British Transport Police billed a total of £10.2m in overtime, with the smallest claims coming from Humberside police, where the additional hours bill came to just £1.6m.

Forces in Gwent, the City of London, West Yorkshire and Central Scotland failed to provide information about overtime payments, so the nationwide figure will be significantly higher.

Julie Nesbit, chair of the Police Federation of England and Wales' constables central committee, said overtime is going up as forces are in desperate need of more officers.

She said: "Forces across the UK are saying they will reduce the number of constables and the workload is definitely not being reduced, so overtime is the only answer."

It has been suggested that the Government could scrap police overtime and replace it with a higher basic wage.

But a Home Office spokesman denied this.

Homes get £10m fix-up

COUNCILS across the county are to receive £10 million over three years to spend on improving homes.

Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Maidstone, Ashford, Dartford, Gravesham and Medway councils have been jointly awarded £9.75m by the South East Regional Housing Board.

Jill Anderson, Tonbridge and Malling's cabinet member for housing, said: "By adding funding for renewable energy sources to our list of grants, we can encourage people to help protect our environment and save money."

Fund-raisers have a ball for Demelza House

MORE than £100,000 was raised at the recent Demelza Charity Ball at Leeds Castle.

The total amount was boosted by a massive contribution from the ball's sponsors, Brakes Group of Ashford, who presented a cheque for £50,000.

The Sittingbourne-based charity, which provides hospice care for children with life-limiting illnesses across the county and beyond, had

arranged a medieval banquet in the grounds of the castle using the company's ingredients.

More than 500 guests enjoyed a night of feasting and pageantry, together with entertainers and musicians.

Popular DJ Neil Kefford, who presents Invicta's 'Kent's Home Run', hosted the auction in the guise of King Henry VIII.

There was high bidding for prizes ranging

from a private box to see Kylie in concert at the O2 Arena, a recording session with X Factor star Ben Mills, a luxury trip to Tokyo and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to release gorillas back into the wild in the Congo.

A spectacular fireworks display over Leeds Castle and a lively night of dancing rounded off one of Demelza's biggest nights in the social calendar.



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Oil beneath our feet?

BY SIMON ROBINSON

AN OIL company prospecting for "black gold" in the Sussex hills also has a licence to explore Kent for deposits of the fossil fuel.

This could spark an oil rush in the countryside of the Garden of England.

With prices of crude oil rocketing, Northern Petroleum is exploring any new reserves and has already targeted an area of the South Downs in West Sussex.

Now the company is carrying out exploratory work to see if deposits can be located in this county and should any be discovered the licence means they can be extracted.

Exploration

West Sussex County Council last week voted to allow the oil barons to chop down an area of woodland and build a 120ft high drilling rig.

County officers said they felt there was an "over-riding need" for oil exploration within this country.

And it this means deposits worth a massive £12 billion could fuel company profits – the first stage in a potential large-scale drilling project in the South East.

A statement from Northern Petroleum



DRILL OF THE CHASE: Oil barons could be turning their attentions to the Garden of England

reads: "[The company] have a Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence in Kent. At present we are still doing in-house geological and geophysical work on these areas, and it is too premature as to where and when we may drill".

But the company added it is very keen on exploring reserves within the UK borders as the global price for oil has rocketed and supplies from countries such as those in

the Middle East and Eastern Europe can be irregular.

The Sussex site, at Markwells Wood near Chichester, is estimated to contain the equivalent of 200 million barrels of fuel – potentially worth £12bn.

Richard Latham – the real-life equivalent of TV's Dallas star JR Ewing – is chairman of Northern Petroleum.

Amid opposition to the drilling from environmentalists, he has vowed to do all he can to protect the countryside.

The company has already agreed to plant more woodland round the site – which will be concreted – and return it to its original state when operations are finished.

But Alice Farr of the Woodland Trust still called the drilling "an act of vandalism" – even though no objections came from the Environment Agency or Natural England.

The southern area of England, because of its limestone and sandstone base rock, is a perfect place for large oil deposits to be formed.

The law currently allows exploration for valuable fuels in any area – even national parks – if the benefits to the country are thought to be sufficient.

In the event of oil being successfully extracted for refining the Treasury would receive around 50 per cent of the proceeds with the oil companies pocketing the rest.

'Nightingale set the standard for hospital hygiene'



HOSPITAL board meetings need to focus more on patient care to avoid repeats of the superbug outbreaks in west Kent, according to one of the country's leading health campaigners.

Baroness Audrey Emerton of Tunbridge Wells and Clerkenwell, was awarded a life peerage after a long and distinguished career in nursing.

She visited Benenden Hospital, which is an independent hospital near Cranbrook, to mark National Nurses Day on Monday last week.

The day is held in celebration of the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

Baroness Emerton said: "She died 98 years ago and yet we still celebrate her birthday – the reason is her legacy."

"It is because of her basic standards in nursing, basic hygiene, nutrition and care. Florence Nightingale, of course, invented hygiene in the Crimean War. She set up the foundation of the nursing profession."

Hygiene, comfort and compassion for patients were the cornerstones of Nightingale's Notes of Nursing and remain vital today, she said.

KOS Media is currently running a campaign to promote good hygiene practices in hospital and healthcare centres across Kent.

Baroness Emerton agreed hygiene was hugely important if infection rates of superbugs such as MRSA and Clostridium difficile were to be kept down.

She spoke to nurses at Benenden about their work and congratulated the hospital on winning Top Independent Employer in the recent Nursing Times awards.

The hospital has not had one case of MRSA or C diff since 2000, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Asked what she thought the key to its success was, Baroness Emerton said: "Well, I suppose small is beautiful. The place is spotless and hand hygiene is available for everyone. What is interesting is their cleaners are their employees, not contracted."

"The ward sisters can control their own environment."

Spirit in the sky

THE Spirit of Kent will be flying high this summer as the county's very own Spitfire takes to the air.

The restored fighter is flown at displays in memory of the 131 County of Kent Squadron – a wartime RAF unit whose Spitfires were funded entirely by donations from people who lived in the county.

The veteran aircraft was bought by Peter Monk and Mike Simpson in 2006, who keep it at Biggin Hill airport.

Robin Brooks, from Maidstone, has written extensively about the aircraft and its history.

He said: "When you think about the Battle of Britain you think about the Spitfire and Hurricane, and during those days the skies above Kent swarmed with them."

"The fact that the people of Kent actually clubbed together enough money to fund a whole squadron shows how much the aircraft was held in high esteem."

"We feel it still is and a Spitfire in the skies above is an inspiring site. It was restored to former glories to commemorate the people of the county and the fact that the Battle of Britain was fought overhead."

The Spirit of Kent will stage a



Peter Monk/STIGLE

FLYING VISIT: The Spirit of Kent stages flypasts at a number of summer events

flypast over the Hawkinge Battle of Britain Museum on Saturday and will be at Manston airport the following day.

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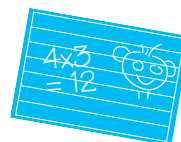
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Students make a grand exit



GOODBYE: Sarah Bashford and Ruth Neeve arrived for their last day in a crane, while Richard Allu, Chris Burgess and Daniel Martin opted for an armoured car and Katherine Westbrook enjoyed the attention in a convoy of motorbikes while she travelled in a sidecar

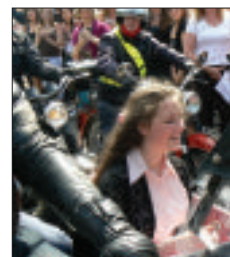
■ BY TOM BETTS

YEAR 11 students at Dane Court Grammar School were real show-stoppers as they turned up in style to mark the end of their time in compulsory education.

The inventive students thought about outlandish ways to arrive at the school gates for the event – and did not disappoint.

Richard Allum, Chris Burgess and Daniel Martin swept through the gates on board an armoured car, while Alice Cook and Lacey Palmer donned sophisticated dresses before being dropped off in a vintage sports car.

Student Luke Austen, 16, said: "After five years' hard work at Dane Court it feels great to be at the end of it all. The Leavers Day is the best



possible way to celebrate!"

A crane carried Sarah Bashford and Ruth Neeve in to school and blind student Katherine Westbrook was flanked by a calcade of motorbikes as she arrived in a motorbike and sidecar.

Katherine, who is from Deal, asked motorbike fan Graham Ham to ferry her in and he arranged a convoy and for TV crews to film the whole thing.

Francis Gallantree, head

of Year 11, said: "As head of year, I probably get as excited about this event as the pupils! I love seeing these young, talented people looking so smart and grown-up."

Head-teacher Paul Luxmoore added: "Leaving Day has become a tradition and marks the end of compulsory education."

"Although the majority of our students will return to join the sixth form, this is the last time they will be together as a year group."

"The whole school watch as they arrive in all their finery and on a variety of types of transport. It is a moving day for all the staff – the students we knew as children have become beautiful young men and women, about to take their GCSEs and embark on a new stage of their lives."

"We are very proud of them and wish them every success."

BREAK TIME

Enterprising young impress the director

MARLOWE Academy sixth-formers may be offered work experience placements after impressing the managing director of a multi-national fibre optics company.

Andy Bragg, managing director of Amphenol Ltd's UK operations base in Whitstable, was so taken with the students' presentation and enthusiasm in a recent competition that he asked to write to each of them at the academy.

He now wants to discuss the possibility of work placements with them.

It was the academy's first appearance in a Young Enterprise scheme regional final at Christ Church University in Canterbury and students competed against nine other schools and colleges.

The students' business group, called MISS – Marlowe's Intelligent, Sophisticated Students – had been working on a project organising seasonal events including a Valentine's Day rose-selling stand, with secret deliveries, and an Easter egg raffle.

Overall, the Marlowe Academy did very well and the judges remarked on the group's enthusiasm and team spirit.

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Double offer for girls

TWO students from Ramsgate's Marlowe Academy have been given "unconditional offers" for places at universities this year.

Nicola Allen and Kelly Palmer, both 17, impressed university panels so much that they were each given the nod by two universities.

King's College London and the University of Greenwich both wanted Nicola, but she chose King's, where she will study for her nursing degree, combined with experience in hospital wards.

Meanwhile, the Farnham Campus of University College for the Creative Arts and the University of Central England, Birmingham, both want Kelly.

Nicola is about to gain the BTEch National Certificate in health and social care, while Kelly is set to gain the BTEch National Certificate in Art and Design.

Chefs in good company

THANET College student Jamie Hitchens met celebrity chefs Gordon Ramsay and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall during a visit to Buckingham Palace.

Jamie joined fellow students David Jeffrey, Josh Warner, Anthony Marshall and Rebekah Barker to serve food and drinks at a reception to celebrate improvements in Britain's hospitality industry.

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It must be summer – I'm behind a very slow tractor

NOT only do they get to own huge slices of our green and (mostly) pleasant land, they think they own the damn roads too.

Yep, our farming pals are at it again: summer's here and so it's time for them to take a long, slow drive between their fields – just as we're off to work, on the school run, or returning from work of course – holding me and everyone else up in a long tail behind them.

We have British Summer Time purely to help you farmers get more daylight so you can count your EU handout cash.

So do us all a favour and drive your tractors and combines when the sun comes up – about 5am if you hadn't noticed – so I can drive to work at 8am without getting stuck.

All this happens on roads that I pay for.

Yes, firstly the extortion that is my annual road tax (£165) and then the tax I'm paying on the fuel in my car.

I pay £1.25 for a litre of diesel (more than five quid a gallon) while farmer bloody Giles on his huge fat-wheeled tractor potters along

at 20 miles an hour on red diesel which he gets tax free. Terrific.

The sight of a tractor crawling at between 10 and 15 mph followed by a sweating row of seething car drivers is as much a feature of the English summer as the inevitable plucky Brit failing at Wimbledon.

The winter months are mercifully free of people who seem to regard themselves as some sort of "tractorocracy".

Last week I turned onto a main Kent A road. But trundling past were six – yes six – tractors in a row. All proceeding at that painfully slow pace followed by at least 20 cars on one of the hottest days of the year.

But did the tractors make any move to step aside. What do you think?

They went along at a snail's pace until they reached a field and then disappeared.

For people who travel 500 yards out of towns, this is a summer menace which needs to be addressed and some forward thinking people in the Midlands did just that.

They created the Considerate Farmers' Voluntary Code for Highway Movements.

It suggested that tractors should not be on the road from 7am to 9am and 4pm to 6.30pm.

They should drive close to the nearside kerb to make overtaking easier, pull over at every available lay-by, avoid travelling in convoys and finally ensure they are not overloaded so they spill stuff onto the road.

It had the full backing of the local councils and the police.

There was even a "Well Driven" sign to be displayed on tractors adhering to these rules.

Then there was a number to call so people could report farmer vehicles who were playing at being king of the road.

And in the first few weeks guess how many farmers signed up? Three, yes three.

So there you see the socially-aware attitude of the sons of the soil in the heart of England.

But I bet it would be three more than would sign up in Kent.

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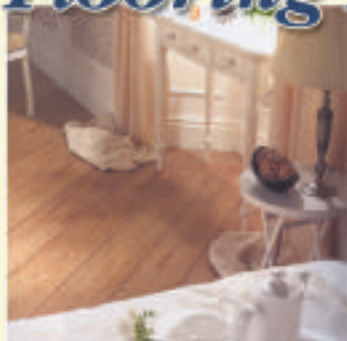
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TALK TIME

MARCUS PARNELL

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What does your job entail?

I run my own small catering business in Thanet, supplying food for events and functions. From parties and christenings to barmitzvas and funerals – I do the lot.

Do you enjoy it?

Yes, for the most part. I love meeting people, always have, and this job enables me to do that, but most of all I love preparing the food. I was doing an IT job but found that I spent far too much of my time stuck in front of a screen and after a very stressful day when a machine went down and I lost a week's worth of hard work, I decided I wanted out. I used to cook in my spare time at home, so decided to take it on. I've no regrets.

What do you like most about it?

The best thing about my job is working with the food to prepare something special for someone, and being your own boss is great, too. And I like that I get around the area a lot.

What's the worst thing?

Well, you have to motivate yourself all the time. Luckily, I'm quite good at that, but there is the odd day, maybe once a month, where you let it slip and spend an hour or two watching daytime TV before cracking on.

Would you ever go back to working for someone else?

No, certainly not by choice.

YOUR LETTERS

Let's try to do one thing well

I have seen the letters regarding the library. I have been there and I thought it was a temporary measure.

The council wanted to know what to do with Northdown House – get the councillors' offices out of the main buildings in Margate and move them there. They don't live in the real world, just like our local MPs.

They obviously don't get out and about in Thanet, so they will be out of the way up there.

Open offices in a library – sack the planners. They are keeping up their great record.

We need a shopping centre with no roads or sufficient parking.

Sort out the death-trap roundabout on the road to Westwood Cross at Manston.

Sort out a housing project in what could be one of the best seafront areas in the country. Future slums. Without knocking down the tower block, and getting a proper rail link. Maybe the tower block will get burnt down.

It's time to take one project and do it properly even if it takes years.

Adrian
full name and address supplied

It's time to fight Manston sprawl

Thank you to Yourthanet for keeping residents aware of what is happening here – ie the concreting over of the whole of this beautiful isle.



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Now we have another fight on

our hands – Manston's sprawl from farmland to concrete sheds.

This isle has always fed us with potatoes, cabbages and

wheat, but not for much longer if planners get their way.

Villagers, your way of life is going to change whether you like it or not, so start protesting.

Farmers, you might own the farms and fields, but you are trustees – don't forget that.

It seems to me that the Labour government is getting its own back on people who voted Conservative in the South East by concreting large swathes of land for new roads, such as at the Westwood Cross nightmare.

Since Labour came into power, the UK has lost 30,000 acres of greenbelt land.

People have got to take back control. The Earth can't wait. Thanet Under Threat – the film by Christine Tongue – is already outdated because we are losing land daily.

We live in Thanet and we love Thanet.

Trevor Shonk
Ramsgate



ALL OVER: The article about Will Self and Thanet appeared in Yourthanet on May 7

Council leader as bad as teenagers

Will Self's account of his visit to Broadstairs applies to every town in England. "Tracksuited gel-haired youngsters" are not

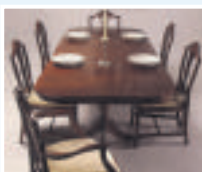
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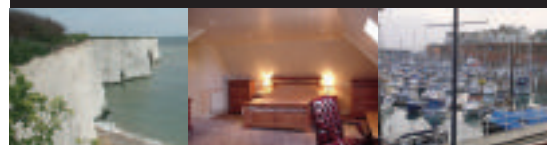
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confined to Thanet alone, neither are "gaggles" of teenagers "gobbling" expletives down their mobile phones.

What perhaps is unique to Thanet is the leader of the Tory-controlled council reportedly using similar language at the mayor's ball to that employed by the teenage mobile phone users encountered by Mr Self.

Had Mr Self been present on that occasion, Thanet would have featured in the national press in a manner unlikely to commend it as a centre for the arts.

When civic leaders are unable to conduct themselves properly, what message do they send to the young and impressionable?

Robert Muir
Westgate-on-Sea

We want police to keep the peace

Regarding Will Self's article last week, I cannot help but entirely agree with his sentiments, living as I do on the promenade.

Issues of unruly behaviour have been raised at local police and council meetings and with student bodies.

The streets are alive with scantily-clad youngsters who scream at the top of their voices using foul language into the early hours and sometimes fights break out.

Police do appear in a van at about 10pm then disappear – what is needed is a police presence at a later time and for a longer period.

We have been told to telephone the police whenever necessary but feel that we do not want to be doing this and would just like to go to bed

in the knowledge that there is a police presence keeping watch for violent behaviour, broken windows and drunken youngsters.

Broadstairs is such a lovely place otherwise.

Carole Brett-Taylor
Broadstairs



Personal plea to support carers

Next month, I am proud to be just one of many "famous faces" lending their support to Carers Week 2008 – an annual campaign that pays tribute to, and celebrates, the wonderful work carried out by the millions of people in the UK who care for a family member or friend.

About six in 10 of us, from all walks of life, will become carers at some time in our lives, looking after someone who is ill, frail or disabled.

I have the utmost respect for these people as I know, from a personal experience, just how draining caring

for a loved one can be on both a physical and emotional level.

Wanting to look after our loved ones is human nature – but this sometimes comes at a price with many carers telling us they often have to sacrifice their own health and well-being.

Taking a break, a holiday or even time out to visit the doctor is just not an option.

Carers deserve as much support and recognition as they can get and more.

That's why I'm helping the team at Carers Week encourage these fantastic folk to seek support and find out more about the resources and advice available.

In backing the campaign this year, I hope I can help to raise awareness of this worthwhile cause and show carers that people do care about them too.

To find out where you can get help, log on to www.carersweek.org.
Paul O'Grady
comedian and presenter
Aldington

Great weekend – relive it on TV

Absolutely amazing weekend, especially Saturday. Looks like you picked the best day to be filming.

The acts included were some of my favourites and rocked the show. Great job, guys!

Mike Henson

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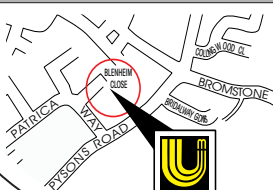
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Almost four decades on, David Essex is still a musical legend

WHEN the young David Essex dreamed of being a footballer, a successful music career must have been the last thing on his mind.

But Essex chose to abandon soccer for singing and went on to become an internationally acclaimed musician, as well as a heartthrob for ladies everywhere. Now a composer and star of both stage and screen, Essex, 60, has a lot to look back on after almost four decades in the business.

He grew up in east London with the surname Cook and joined West Ham United Juniors in the hope of becoming a footballer.

But in the end he decided to go in a more artistic direction, and when he auditioned for the London production of the musical Godspell in 1971 at the age of 23, his life changed forever.

Chosen for the role of Jesus, Essex shot to fame amid ecstatic reviews and received two major awards. This led to a lead role in the film That'll Be The Day co-starring Ringo Starr, followed by the sequel Stardust with Larry Hagman and Adam Faith.

Following the rise and fall of pop star Jim Maclaine, they are still regarded as two of the best films about the rock scene.

Hysteria

While filming, Essex wrote and recorded Rock On, which became a huge hit in both the UK and the US, securing his status as a global star. It was followed by Lamplight and the number one hits Hold Me Close and Gonna Make You A Star.

His first UK tour caused chaos, generating scenes of fan hysteria on the level of Beatlemania. He was nominated for a Grammy for Rock On and attracted the compliments of no less a person than John Lennon.

Despite his popularity in the States, Essex turned down several lucrative deals in order to return home and produce several successful albums. He demonstrated his skills as a theatrical performer when offered the part of Che in Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's Evita, but he was also encouraged to do



TALENTED: David Essex has made a name for himself as both an actor and a musician

more straight acting by Richard Burton.

He starred in and wrote the score for his motorbike racing film Silver Dream Racer, which generated another chart hit with Silver Dream Machine. Television viewers were kept happy with the 1989 series The River, in which he played a charming lock keeper. As well as popular music, Essex worked on a ballet score for the Russian All Stars Company in the mid-90s, while keeping true to his Romany roots by becoming patron of the Gypsy Council.

In 1999 he was awarded an OBE for his services to charity. The 21st century has seen more recording and roles in musicals, most recently playing George in Aspects of Love, which visited Kent earlier this year.

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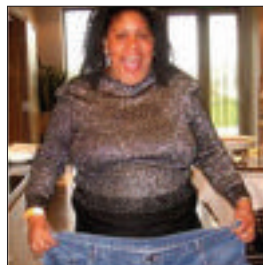
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Saturday 31 May
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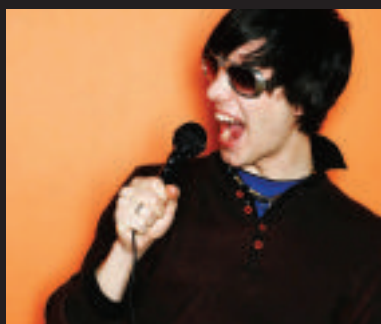
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Pop in to one of your local Peacocks in The Centre in Margate, Ramsgate High Street or at Westwood Cross to see the bargains.

**Discount price books are
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WH Smith has stores at Westwood Cross and in Margate High Street.

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YOUR TV REVIEW



POINTS OF VIEW: ITV1's Loose Women is the perfect programme for an afternoon snooze

THE F WORD
Channel 4, 9pm, Tuesdays
LOOSE WOMEN
ITV1, 12.30pm, weekdays

■ BY TOM BETTS

TAKE one celebrity chef, trim off silly hat and apron and baste in his own self-confidence.

Add a cart-load of fancy ingredients, a barely capable bunch of wannabe cooks and leave to stand between commercial breaks.

Sprinkle with a handful of risqué language, bring to the boil and simmer for ten minutes then plate up, before placing in the fridge. Leave to marinate in its own arrogance for at least six weeks and serve your F Word speciale to an unwitting public.

Yes, this hour of saucy language and even saucier food has quickly become Channel Four's flagship food show and has won an army of fans.

Striding through the aisles on his way to berate a team of ordinary people like some kind of prize fighter, master of ceremonies Ramsay enters the heat of the kitchen and reminds us just why he became the phenomenon he is.

Hard, unscrupulous and not afraid to call a spade a f***** spade, our

man in the whites has returned for series four.

Even on bad form, such as the American version of the otherwise excellent Kitchen Nightmares, GR is always worthy of your attention – if only to see what poor soul trying his best he will compare to male genitalia that week.

Boiling Point, the show that catapulted Ramsey into the public eye in 1998 is still the most fascinating thing in which he's been involved, but at least here he is allowed to swear and castigate members of the public rather than desperate celebrities, which is far more fun.

If ever there was a bad title for a TV show it's the appallingly-titled, lunchtime snooze-athon, Loose Women. Here a panel of four old duffers haggle over who hates men the most then fawn over their often male soap star guests to the sycophantic cheering of the bussed in audience of blue-rinsed pensioners.

Didn't this kind of thing used to be called sexism?!

These women are far from loose, but then I guess the Man Hating Female Moan Fest doesn't sound half as good, even if it is far, far more accurate.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

YOUR reputation could take a hit this week. It's possible you promised more than you could deliver. If that's the case, you owe everyone involved an apology. Funds you were expecting may not be forthcoming. Don't be afraid to rely on others when the chips are down.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

A CLOSE partnership is showing signs of strain. One of you may be working at the expense of your personal life. The two of you will have to work hard to recover the magic that first drew you together. It may not be possible to get paid what you deserve this week.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

IT'S important to take a more reasoned approach with a partner who has let you down. There's a good chance that your friend is completely oblivious to the hurt he or she has caused. If you're going to restore your relationship, you need to have a calm discussion.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU want to be appreciated, and that's only natural, but everyone is pretty self absorbed this week. All of your hard work could go completely unnoticed. If this happens, don't despair. Just do something nice for yourself as a reward or resentment will get the best of you.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

IT'S hard to be receptive to people whose ideas are completely opposite to yours. Still, you're going to have to work alongside them. Try putting your opinions aside, at least until the job is done. You may be surprised to learn that you can actually like somebody who has a different approach.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Pisces** 09067-531763



GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR health may not be very robust right now. It's important to slow down when you start feeling tired or you could contract a low grade virus. Sometimes being true to yourself means turning away the people you love. Spending time alone can replenish your energy.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

CURIOSITY could put you on a dangerous path. Be careful where you poke your nose, or it could get slapped. A mysterious ache could drive you to distraction. Beware of being overly harsh on neighbour who is just trying to do his best. A little compassion goes a long way.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

RESIST the urge to play the victim. Although it feels like the world is against you, it's important to remain calm when challenged by critics. The moment you let down your guard is the time when your rivals will move in for the kill. Your boss expects more of you than others.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

THIS week brings some important challenges for intimate relationships. You may have some unreasonable expectations of a partner. The sooner you adopt a practical view the happier you'll be. Work might prove difficult, too. Slow and steady wins the race with regard to this matter.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

IT will take all your self-discipline to focus on work. An admirer could play hot and cold with you. You don't appreciate these tactics; you need to know where you stand. It may be wise to put some distance between you, at least until your friend gets serious.

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LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

AN emotional attachment to possessions could create lots of heartache. At some point, you need to accept the fact that your bank balance bears no relation to your personal worth. Nagging fears could undermine your confidence. It's all a matter of adopting a positive outlook.

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CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

GOING along with the crowd may not be the best idea. Although you want to be liked by your peers, you can't help feeling they're on the wrong track. Forging your own path could hurt people's feelings, but that can't be helped. Give yourself time to rethink, plan again, and then move on.

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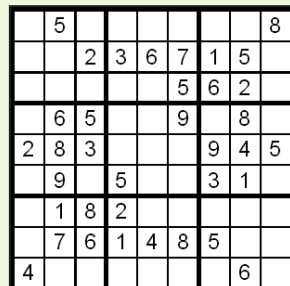
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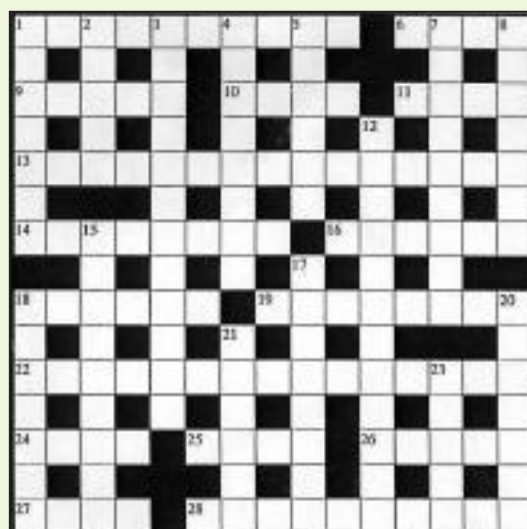
ACROSS

- 1 Opposite features, couple reportedly included (4-2-4)
- 6 Freezer once held nothing (4)
- 9 Vessel in annexe becalmed (5)
- 10 Boss elephant did not start (4)
- 11 Bill concerning area of land (4)
- 13 I'll show eighteen round while making things run smoothly (6,3,6)
- 14 Get even with (8)
- 16 Small company utilise Liverpoolian (6)
- 18 Silver found in new boot on island (6)
- 19 Angry when her colic developed (8)
- 22 Don't eat off this every day (10,5)
- 24 Marco's game (4)
- 25 Nameless soon (4)
- 26 Bear has book on bankruptcy (5)
- 27 Ride, say, from island resort (4)
- 28 I name elastic that's unyielding (10)

DOWN

- 1 Reynard should be at home here (7)
- 2 Accountant, graduate left small party (5)
- 3 Scientist got in clothes, dishevelled (12)
- 4 Sue Croft removed fruit-sugar (8)
- 5 Might horseflies be caught in it? (6)
- 7 Poor Rex accepted payment from treasury (9)
- 8 Where bishop is to supervise (7)
- 12 Pretty romantic food container (9-3)
- 15 Straightened up having removed one's sandals (9)
- 17 Little bits of shell removed from Len's harp (8)
- 18 Scouts hesitantly find one swearing? (7)
- 20 This Parisian tends to be included during purge (7)
- 21 Take part of Joseph that's trendy and in fashion (4,2)
- 23 Indistinctness of second-class book-jacket's contents (5)

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ACROSS

- 1 Writing materials (10)
- 6 Scare away (4)
- 9 Civet (anag.) (5)
- 10 Undulating (4)
- 11 Swelling on eyelid (4)
- 13 HC (6,9)
- 14 Muckiest (8)
- 16 Spout (6)
- 18 Blazer (6)
- 19 Leave behind (8)
- 22 Royal official (4,11)
- 24 Rainbow goddess (4)
- 25 Leave shore (4)
- 26 Hertfordshire town (5)

- 27 Philosophic meditation (4)
- 28 Cut of beef or pork (10)

DOWN

- 1 Boiled (7)
- 2 Dropping from a team (5)
- 3 Mental brightness (12)
- 4 TV bulletin (8)
- 5 Patch up (6)
- 7 French Riviera (4,5)
- 8 Foot-lever (7)
- 12 Protester (12)
- 15 Registering (9)
- 17 Prevaricated (8)
- 18 Gaiety (7)
- 20 King-pin (anag.) (4,3)
- 21 Front (6)
- 23 Spanish friend (5)

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There's no time to lose if you want to Lounge

BY SIMON ROBINSON

ADVANCE warning: all cash-strapped, disorganised and 'I'll do it tomorrow' music fans look away now – early-bird tickets to this year's Lounge On The Farm festival have sold out.

Although the reduced-fee allocation to the Canterbury three-dayer has been snapped up, full-priced passes are still available.

And with indie rockers The Mystery Jets, Canadian starlets Holy F*ck and folk act Johnny Flynn And The Sussex Wit among the latest batch of top acts added to the bill, the £85 price tag for a weekend ticket still represents somewhat of a bargain.

To date, more than 60 bands, solo stars and DJs have agreed to perform at Merton Farm over the weekend of Friday to Sunday, July 11-13.

The main cowshed arena bill already boasts The Bees, Black Kids, Polka Party, Billy Childish, Art Brut and The Shortwave Set, while scores of more established acts have been allocated slots on the six other stages.

The Sheep Dip, for example, will play host to Those Dancing Days, Magistrates and Los Campesinos, and the Hoe Down features DJ sets from two 80s superstars – former Specials frontman Terry Hall and his Dexy's Midnight Runners equivalent Kevin Rowland.

A festival spokesman said: "With an amazing line-up and set in the idyllic surrounds of Merton Farm, Lounge On The Farm has shown that boutique festivals can make waves in such a competitive market."

"As the festival season gears up and the



MORE: Art Brut and The Mystery Jets have signed up to play this year's Lounge On The Farm

weather gets hotter, it's time to get your tickets while you still can."

Sunday at LOTF has been dubbed Local Heroes' day, with acts from across the county dominating the line-up.

Among those to perform are Underground Heroes, Lupen Crook And The Murderbirds, UpCDownC, Brigadier Ambrose, What Would Jesus Drive, Zombie Met Girl, Seven Storey Down and Intraverse.

A full weekend ticket costs £85 for adults, £40 for children. A family ticket, based on two adults and two children, costs £180. Day entry costs £35 for adults and £20 for children. Those under the age of five go free.

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■ BY TOM MASTERS

ON the elegant Seabourn Spirit, we sailed the seas for 17 magical days from Alexandria to Dubai – and found out exactly why this ship is rated among the top six cruising experiences in the world.

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Weighing barely 10,000 tonnes, the Spirit feels more like a megayacht carrying an exclusive party than a superliner.

Carrying just over 200 passengers, Seabourn ships have cornered a niche cruise market dedicated to pure, unadulterated luxury and unbeatable service standards. Yet Seabourn belongs to Carnival, the biggest cruise company in the world, which also owns the P&O and Cunard lines.



SPARKLING SEA: The Seabourn Spirit offers the experience of a lifetime

Queuing has been quashed, the irritating business of having to sign for everything delicately set aside, tipping disregarded altogether.

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From the moment we boarded Seabourn Spirit in Alexandria (after a rather lengthy coach drive from Cairo) we were indulged

down to the last detail.

There are no cabins on these yachts, just suites.

Here we found every comfort – it was spacious and glamorous, with a marble-clad bathroom and walk-in closet, for those who don't travel light and like to pack a few little extras 'just in case', plush cotton robes and fine Egyptian linen. Add to that crystal glasses, complimentary fine wines, exotic fruit and fresh flowers.

With a 160-strong crew to look after 200 passengers, the level of personal service is stunning.

Nothing was too much trouble and their genuine enthusiasm for the part they played in life was refreshing. We boarded mid-afternoon and by the next morning we were impressed to be greeted by name by every crew member we met on our way to breakfast.

Most Seabourn guests are well-seasoned cruisers and experienced travellers – and they enjoy dressing up. The daily bulletin advises the dress code for each day, between casual, semi-formal or black tie.

The shore excursions, while fascinating, could be expensive, but they were once-in-a-lifetime opportunities; Petra, a nine-hour trip from Aqaba, Jordan, cost \$199 per person and The Valley of the Kings was a two-day, one-night trip from Safage, Egypt and cost \$829.

If you don't fancy the trek it can be just as much fun to enjoy a near-empty ship while others go ashore.

Along the way the ship visited Aqaba, Salalah, Khasab and, finally, Dubai.

On our final day, one passenger reflected: "The only way to stay cheerful at the end of a cruise is to reflect that it won't be too long before you are back on board."

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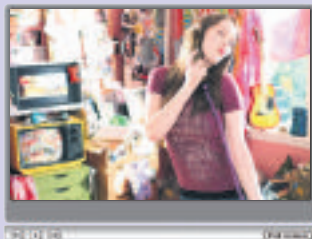
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SMART PEOPLE (15)



Professor Lawrence Wetherhold (Dennis Quaid) is an intellectual giant, but flummoxed when it comes to love and family. When he accidentally encounters former student Janet (Sarah Jessica Parker), the result is often comical, sometimes heartbreaking, for everyone around him.

Emile doesn't have time for life in the slow lane

BY ELLIE GENOWER

HE RECEIVED critical acclaim for his sensitive portrayal of Chris McCandless in last year's Sean Penn-directed film, *Into the Wild*.

So it was assumed that up-and-coming actor Emile Hirsch would go straight to another small, character-led film, building up his fledgling career slowly but surely.

But the 22-year-old wasn't having a bit of it. He hopped from the snowy climes of Alaska to the futuristic, colourful and slightly warped world of *Matrix* directors Larry and Andy Wachowski's *Speed Racer*.

"It was like being in a sauna for a year and then someone running in and throwing you into an ice bath," says Emile, who plays the lead role in the movie adaptation of the original Japanese cartoon.

Emile plays car-crazy kid Speed in a futuristic world of corporate greed, race-fixing and dirty tactics.

To create the larger-than-life setting, he and fellow cast members Christina Ricci (Trixie), Susan Sarandon (Mom), John Goodman (Pops) and Matthew Fox (Racer X) spent much of the time filming in Berlin against a green screen, before the Wachowskis added their special brand of post-production computer wizardry.

"It was a shock. We were outdoors every day on *Into the Wild*, climbing mountains and crossing rivers, so to jump onto the green screen was tough," says Emile.

"It is harder because you've got to be on your game and it's easy to slip up, so you've always got to be focused. The real environment is always easier on the actor, because it's more natural to react to."

Speed Racer is a character who has plenty of focus. The film begins with Speed and his family trying to deal with the death of his adored brother Rex Racer, before Speed grows up to become a star racer himself.

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After turning down a lucrative offer and untold riches to race for corrupt corporate giant Royalton Industries, he and his family go it alone with his dad's racing cars, leaving Speed aiming to compete in the ultimate race: the Grand Prix.

But although mind-blowing effects certainly create an edge-of-your-seat experience, does the growing reliance on computer wizardry in films like *Speed Racer* detract from plot and character? Emile thinks not.

"The Wachowskis made this about the family," he says. "Speed is fighting against the greed of the corporate world and trying to find the meaning of life and all that."

He hopes that *Speed Racer* will eventually become a trilogy, emulating *The Matrix*, one of his favourite films.

Clearly, before any more films are made, *Speed Racer* has to hit the spot at the box office. And with big competition this summer from the likes of *Indiana Jones*, *Batman*, *Iron Man* and the *Incredible Hulk*, it's not going to be an easy task.

"The thing that's really going to separate



POLY POSITION: Emile Hirsch is a young man in a hurry and *Speed Racer* could turbo-charge his fledgling career

Speed Racer from some of those big summer movies, is the fact that this is a family film," Emile says.

"Some of those other movies are a little bit more adult and dark, which is cool, but *Speed Racer* is really a movie made for the whole family, that kids are going to love but adults are going to love too."

"And it's one of those movies where you almost want to stand up and cheer at points."



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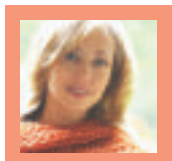


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Fun, flirty female, nearly 30, petite with dark hair, bored of being single, seeking someone to take me out and show me a good time. Box 895349 **1**

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Tall, black, pretty female, 31, new to the Chatham area, loves watching football, shopping, travel; seeking tall, white, loving male 34-47 for LTR. Box 437776 **1**

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Mum of 1, I'm 5'8", blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **1** **2**

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Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **1** **2**

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JUST IMAGINE

Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things. WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 893562 **1**

WORTHY COMPASSION, TRUTH, KINDNESS

Sarina, 49, 5'8", medium build, blonde, green eyes, I like cinema, drinks, beach walks, countryside, POI, concerts, seeking similar male for lasting love and happiness. Box 892450 **1**

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I'm Karen, 51, 5'8", blonde, blue-eyed, medium build, GSOH, considerate, like keeping fit, romantic nights in/out, bowling, tennis, lots of sports, seeking male for relationship! Box 893277 **1**

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KENT CALLING!

Hi, I'm kind, caring, attractive lady, 53yr young, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, GSOH, enjoy walks, reading, travelling etc. WLTW tall, considerate man for friendship, possibly LTR. Box 439240 **1**

GIVE & TAKE THE FUN & GAMES...

Hello, I'm 54, 5'8", size 12-14, a nurse, enjoy long walks, seeking a man to put some fun in my life as I will his... Box 440352 **1**

THE UNIVERSITY OF LOVE

Hi, I'm 56, 5'6", large build (working on that!), fun-loving, well educated, like the outdoors, walking my dogs, seeking intelligent man to share life with. Box 440345 **1**

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE

Divorced female, 50's, 5'10", own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 **1**

COUNTRY LOVE

Partially disabled 58yr old country woman, 5'5", fairly attractive, enjoys gardening, home life, WLTW country loving man for company and possibly LTR. Box 439365 **1**

CHOOSE ME?

Caring female, 57, enjoys family-life, car-boot sales, going out, beach walks, looking for male, 55 plus, for true love. Box 374845 **1**

JOINT ADVENTURES

Looking for a fun, spontaneous, easygoing lady, with a GSOH, I'm 38, honest and loyal. Helen, aged 26, please call back with number Box 426701 **1**

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Wayne, 41, 5'11", dark hair, blue/green eyes, likes walks, restaurants, cinema, seeking honest, loyal, loving, tactile, feminine mind and quiet drink, seeks fair, sharing life... Box 412592 **1**

TRY ME

Good-looking male, 39, 5'10", dark hair, green eyes, slim/toned, 12st, seeks curly, feminine female, to share laughter and happiness. Box 116461 **1**

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

Hi, I'm 40, great personality, mad GSOH, divorced, own business, very honest, honest, passionate guy looking for a similar woman. Box 892156 **1**

I'LL BE YOUR MIRROR

Slender, nice-looking male, 44, smoker, loves psychédelic 60s music, cinema, a quiet drink, seeking fair, caring hippyish female, 30-45, for friendship and loving times. Folskote. Box 367307 **1**

SAME AGAIN

Intelligent male, 43, 5'9", GSOH, OHAC, slim, enjoys meals out, travel, good wine, socialising, seeks sincere, attractive female, 28-40, for initial friendship, fun, hopefully more. Box 431013 **1**

STROLLS ALONG THE BEACH

Hi I'm Richard, 43, dark hair, blue eyes, 5'8", medium build, very loving, like holidays, cinema, music, restaurants, beaches; seeking female 34-57, who love & relationship. Box 440300 **1**

NOT MUCH TO ASK

43-year-old, single man, 5'8", slim, N/S, from N Ireland, love walks, conversation, socialising, seeking female 45-55, caring, looks unimportant, for possible loving future. Box 438291 **1**

VEGETARIAN

44yr old sociable, single dad, tall, fit, black hair, love cooking, countryside, animals, looking for a caring and loving female, GSOH for friendship and LTR. Box 434684 **1**

LOOKING FOR LOVE

Genuine, caring male, 43, 6ft, N/S, own home/car, varied interest. WLTW caring female, 37-45, for friendship and possible long term relationship. Box 372087 **1**

LOOK NO FURTHER

I'm Tom, 44, blue-eyed, slim, 5'8", a single dad of 1 from Eastbourne, I like swimming, motorbikes, clubs, having fun and I'm looking for love! Box 394758 **1**

ATTRACTIVE

Bubbly lady, 52, 5'8", blonde, size 12 enjoys good food/wine, theatre, countryside, holidays, seeking a sincere, genuine female, for friendship first, possibly relationship Box 414143 **1**

WILL SPOIL YOU ROTTEN

47yr old German male, 5'10", looking for a nice, tall, medium build open-minded female to spoil and fall in love with. Dover. Box 440357 **1**

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

47yr old male, 6ft, brown hair hazel eyes, medium build, active, likes football, clubs, pubs, cosy nights in, seeking witty, caring, trustworthy female. Box 437263 **1**

LIVELY UP YOURSELF

Sincere, kind-hearted, passionate, blonde, 46, 6'1", loves life, meals out, socialising, WLTW like-minded, fun-loving female for great times together. Box 397308 **1**

SOCIAL NICETIES

Peter, 47 from Kent, a lorry driver, 5'8", stocky, blue eyes, WLTW happy-go-lucky females 25-45 for social pleasures and see what happens! Box 440431 **1**

GOOD FIN

John, 46, average build, tanned Scotsman, likes wine and dining, eating out, playing golf, seeks independent woman to enjoy life with. Box 40457 **1**

TENDER LOVING CARE

Easygoing divorced guy, 46. Enjoy health clubs, keep-fit, walks, cinema, animals. I'm broad with green eyes, looking for caring, loving, affectionate woman for friendship, hopefully LTR. Box 418233 **1**

PUPPY LOVE

Dog-loving guy, I'm 47, 5'8", with short hair/green eyes, slim. I love gardening, country walks, sports - football/bisnis, DIY, animals. Box 428800 **1**

TAKE IT AS IT COMES

Hi I'm 48, have a GSOH, love having fun and laughter, seeking slim, attractive female 45-48 for friendship and leading to a relationship Box 436435 **1**

FIT THE BILL?

Very active male, 48, 5'17", short-haired, works hard, plays hard, loves clubs, pubs, beaches, cosy nights and holidays. WLTW female 16-45 with spice for life! Box 437812 **1**

PASSION FLOWER

Slender, single Scorpio male, 49, intelligent, warm with a wicked SOH, considerate, honest, passionate guy looking for a similar woman. Box 892156 **1**

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME, BE GENTLE

Hiya, I'm 52, 5'7", easygoing, looking for friendship and maybe more in a woman 30-50, someone to talk to and keep me company. Sussex. Box 435580 **1**

LIKE A DREAM

Happy-go-lucky male, 53, 5'8", slim, enjoy life to the full, like the arts, looking for a nice, cheerful female to share happy times. Bexhill-on-sea Box 436702 **1**

OPEN-MINDED

Released guy, 55, 6ft, brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, loves the sun, sea, music, travelling, WLTW adventurous, sexy lady for friendship, who knows what else? Box 197085 **1**

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Single Mum, 32, cuddly larger lady, 5'6", dark brown hair, seeking someone to have fun, a dance, some drinks and more with. Box 439841 **1**

UNDER THE BOARDWALK

Black female, 32, 5'8", likes cooking, reading, going out, WLTW a nice man 34-50, downbeard and fun to be with, to find out more. Box 439855 **1**



PROPERTY NEWS

Indulge is icing on homebuyers' cake

HOMEBUYERS looking for a boost can take advantage of £1,000 of "indulgences" if they chose a new property from Redrow.

The developer is giving customers the chance to enhance their home with complementary upgrades.

The offer extends to reservations made before this Sunday and comprises £1,000 to spend on items from Redrow's 'Indulge' collection.

Simon Bennett, group marketing director, said: "Our Indulge promotion is the icing on the cake and provides customers with something extra."

"They can use their voucher towards lots of different things, from integrated appliances for their fitted kitchen to granite worktops, ceramic flooring, a stylish fireplace or luxury carpets throughout their new home."

"We think people are fed up of hearing only doom and gloom about the housing market."

"There are still people who need or want to move and we are doing our best to help them."

"Our 'Re:assure' package already offers a range of help, advice and incentives, such as mortgage subsidies, part-exchange, help with stamp duty and legal fees, furniture packs or carpets."

The greener way to a warm feeling

THOSE looking to buy property with good energy-saving efficiency should cast an eye over the heating and plumbing system.

This could be as important as eco-friendly lightbulbs when it comes to protecting the environment.

Danny Davis, a senior technical engineer for the Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineering, said condensing technologies, which generate more heat for less energy, should appeal to green-minded consumers.

He said: "Energy-conscious consumers would certainly be attracted to a house incorporating both energy and water-conserving technologies over a similar house without such measures."

Condensing technology makes boilers at least 10 per cent more efficient than traditional ones.

Since April 2005 it has been a legal requirement for new boilers to comply with a Seasonal Efficiency rating.



Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

SLIGHTLY WOODEN: The traditional image of the shed as a man's cluttered refuge from the world no longer holds true in the post-credit squeeze environment

It's time for stylish sheds to come out of the closet

■ BY NICK AMES

FROM humble beginnings, the garden shed has become a must-have accessory for the post-credit crunch property holder.

Traditionally a ramshackle affair which men used as a retreat and a place to pursue hobbies, the shed can now be anything from an outsourced office to a cocktail bar or a gymnasium.

And at a time when extending your home is a risk because of the sell-on value, a shed is far less

expensive – and a buyer can turn it into their own particular favourite place at the bottom of the garden.

Estate agents claim houses with sheds are getting more interest from prospective buyers – especially when the building is linked to mains electricity and can be used as a handy place to install a computer.

One analyst said: "The shed has always been regarded as a refuge

for the man of the house and to some extent that is true.

"But the old image of a place full of old garden equipment is not the case now."

"I have seen sheds with espresso machines in them, even flatscreen TVs with DVD players."

"At a time when space in the home is important and value for money is everything when it comes to a sale, a place which is far cheaper in cost than an additional room is very attractive."

"While a purpose-built gym might sell a house to a keep fit fanatic, a gym in a shed which can

be turned into a cocktail bar or a laundry room or freezer store is attractive to all."

And for those working "out of the shed" it has a good pedigree.

Dylan Thomas wrote in a shed, while George Bernard Shaw worked on plays in a shed which could be rotated during the day to follow the course of the sun.

Police have also noticed the greater use of sheds – through an increase in burglaries.

Officers and insurance companies say sheds should be secured and fitted with an alarm if they contain anything of value.

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- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage

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- 3 Bedrooms
- Garage and Off Street Parking

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Margate

- Priced to sell!!!
- Spacious 3 bed family home
- Close to QEOM

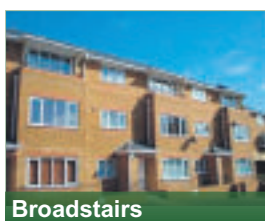
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Ramsgate

- An immaculate three bedroom house
- Convenient area of Ramsgate for schools and amenities.
- Newly carpeted and decorated neutrally throughout

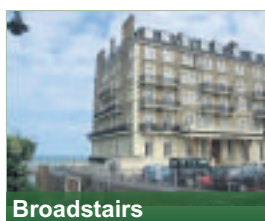
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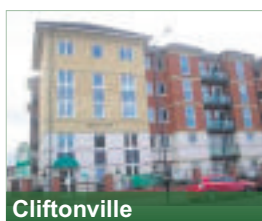
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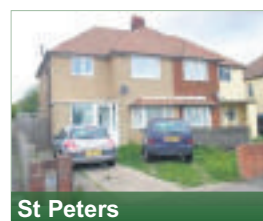
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- Needs to be viewed

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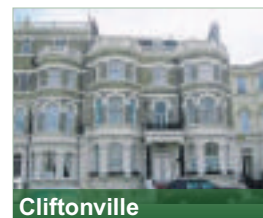
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Ramsgate

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- Two double bedrooms
- Convenient for town and sea

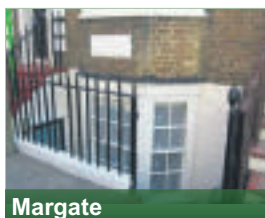
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- Sea views

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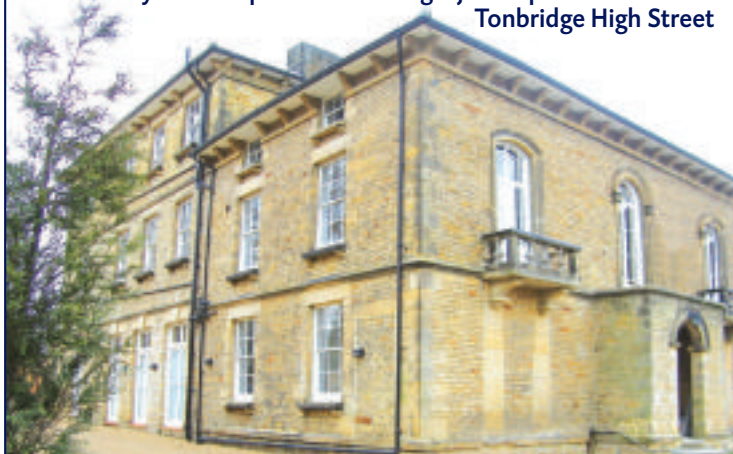
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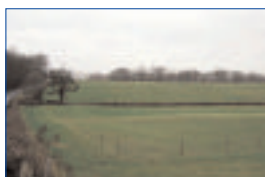
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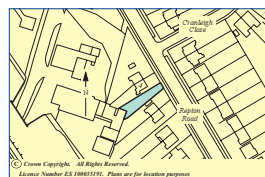
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Weekend will be a real money-saver for drivers

WITH fuel prices exceeding a record £5 per gallon, Kent BMW dealers are staging an EfficientDynamics Open Weekend (31 May/1 June) where drivers of all car makes and models can get a free check-up that could save them up to £120 a year.

Bookings can be made via www.bmw.co.uk and 'EfficientDynamics' – BMW's shorthand for simple money savers, but it also stands for new BMW technologies such as Start/Stop and Brake Energy Regeneration on new BMW models like the BMW 118d pictured, saving up to £520 a year.



Cyclists get Grand help in French charity ride

MOTOR power from Canterbury Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge dealer Dutton Forshaw boosted pedal power on the fifth annual Lady Mayoress' Charity Cycle Ride from Calais to Arras.

The Broad Oak Road dealership supplied a Chrysler Grand Voyager support vehicle 40 cyclists raising funds for The Paula Carr Trust and Save Canterbury Cathedral Appeal.

Pictured left to right are: Dutton-Forshaw dealer principal Lynne Kennard and site receptionist Hannah Main, Canterbury Mayoress Lesley Windsor and Canterbury City Council officer Angela Furlong.

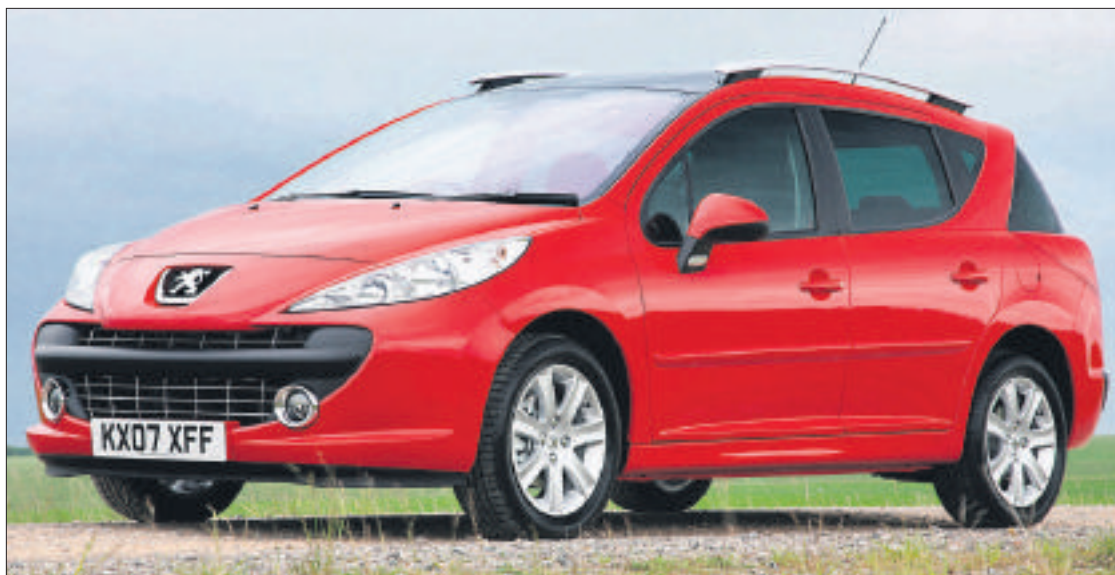


Adam becomes expert dealer number three

ASHFORD Motorline Renault executive Adam George, 23, has gained Motability accreditation (pictured) enabling him to give industry-recognised advice to disabled customers.

Adam, from Woodchurch, becomes the Hilton Road site's third Motability specialist able to help customers or nominated drivers to find the right model to suit their needs or guide them to converters who can carry out necessary adaptations on the cars.

"I'm really pleased I now have Motability accreditation," he said.



LOOKER: For a car where space is a priority, the 207 SW also looks chic with raked rear pillar and aluminium roof rails complementing lines derived from one of the market's sharpest-looking superminis

Peugeot 207 SW says 'vive la MPV difference'

PEUGEOT has thought 'outside the box' on the MPV phenomenon.

While sister brand Citroën embraced the concept wholeheartedly, Peugeot avoided the typical 'one-box' MPV design and evolved its own 'space/sports wagon' or SW approach.

OK, you might dismiss our 207 SW test model as an estate car on steroids, but this offers almost everything a small MPV does except a higher driving position while delivering the benefit of car-like driving manners – something few MPVs can boast.

For a car where space is a priority, the 207 SW also looks chic with its raked rear pillar and aluminium roof rails complementing lines derived from one of the market's sharpest looking superminis.

And where Peugeot interiors sometimes failed to match the exterior, the 207 range marked a major change; the 207 SW's cabin is a genuinely pleasant environment, no doubt helped by the huge 'Cielo' full-length glass roof that comes as standard.

Plastics are attractive and durable; the neat gauges have chrome bezels on the higher grade Sport models and there is a lot of classy

ROAD TEST PEUGEOT 207 SW

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

alloy detail, although the centre display surround can reflect and distract from the view through the windscreen.

For a car competing with MPVs, interior stowage is also poor with small door pockets and a tiny glovebox – there is little room to stash CDs.

However, the boot is large for this class of car with a low loading threshold, while head and legroom for rear passengers is excellent – the cabin remains airy even with the electrically-powered roof blind in place.

You also quickly forget any minor grumbles when driving the 207SW: it has a lovely engine and gearbox and the car carries over the driver enjoyment of the main 207 hatchback range.

Grip is tenacious and the car keeps it poise on corners where a conventional high-set MPV would heel as if under sail.

If you enjoy driving, but have to yield to practicality for work, family, sport or canine reasons then this little load-lugging Peugeot offers more than a small MPV, without a loss of style or street cred.

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USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

SMALL FAMILY ESTATES/HOLDALLS

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SMALL MPVs have become hot property in the used car market as manageable family holdalls that are flexible and cheap to run. But not everyone likes the utilitarian 'one-box' styling, so we have chosen three used cars that have a little more style about them. The Citroën Xsara Picasso is technically another one-box design, but manages to stand out from the crowd, while the other two contenders here are more like conventional estates plus a dash of style. All three are available with decent and frugal diesel engines too...

FORD FOCUS ESTATE



NOT to be confused with the Focus C-Max MPV – another excellent alternative here – the standard estate offers that excellent Focus driving experience plus extra load lugging capacity. The Mark I estate is not as stylish as its replacement, but is the more practical and there is plenty of choice in the market; the arrival of the popular C-Max has made the Mark II estate a rarer item, but sought after second-hand for its neat and classy rear end styling.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

PEUGEOT 206SW



HERE is an MPV for people who do not want a car that looks like an MPV. Peugeot has a recent tradition for developing SW models that are really blown up estates with the space and versatility to attack rival MPVs without the penalty of being unwieldy or ugly. The 206SW is affordable with all the handling panache of the 206 hatch – Peugeot's best-selling model ever – and can be bought with one of the French marque's enviable diesel engines.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

CITROËN PICASSO



LINES sometimes described as 'jelly mould' have not stopped the Picasso from being the best-selling midi-MPV for much of its life – it stands out from the crowd and is airy and spacious inside. Refinement and ride are good, although the latter also makes the handling feel woolly on the corners. There is the extra bonus of smooth and frugal diesel options too and, with lots of new Picassos sold, used car hunters are spoilt for choice and price.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Kalos 1.2 SE 5dr

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Official Government Environmental Data. Fuel consumption figures mpg (litres/100km). Matiz 1.0 SE: Urban – 39.2 (7.2), Extra-urban – 60.1 (4.7), Combined – 50.4 (5.6), CO2 emissions 139g/km. Kalos 1.2 SE: Urban – 33.2 (8.5), Extra-urban – 54.3 (5.2), Combined – 44.1 (6.4). CO2 emissions 153g/km. Lacetti 1.4 SE Hatchback: Urban – 28.8 (9.8), Extra-urban – 49.5 (5.7), Combined – 39.2 (7.2). CO2 emissions 171g/km.

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2007, SKODA ROOMSTER 3 1.6 16V (105BHP) Automatic, 5-Dr MPV, Silver, black onyx, a/c, alloys, airbags, cd, 1800 miles.....**£11995**

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2007, SKODA ROOMSTER 1.4TDI PD (80BHP) 2 5-Dr MPV, Flamenco Red, black wave cloth, abs, a/c, alarm, alloys, cd, 4200 miles.....**£11250**

2007, SKODA ROOMSTER 1.4TDI PD (80BHP) 2 5-Dr MPV, Satin Grey, black wave cloth, abs, airbags, alloys, trip comp, 4800 miles.....**£11250**

2007, SKODA OCTAVIA 1.6 FSI AMBIENTE 5-Dr Hatchback, Grey, violet Onyx Cloth, trip comp, alloys, cd, abs, 14152 miles.....**£9995**

2007, SKODA FABIA 1 1.2 HTP 6V (60 BHP) 5-Dr Hatchback, Silver, black stone cloth, abs, cd, airbags, trip comp, immobiliser, 4500 miles.....**£7495**

2006, SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 T FSI VRS 5-Dr Hatchback, Race Blue, black cloth, alloys, a/c, computer, c/c, 10679 miles.....**£14495**

2006, SKODA OCTAVIA 1.9TDI AMBIENTE ESTATE, Satin Grey, 29,000 miles, FSH, a/c, e/w, alloys, CD.....**£11495**

2006, SKODA FABIA 1.4 TDI PD AMBIENTE (70 HP) 5-Dr Estate, Silver, black fresh onyx, a/c, alarm, cd, autochanger, electric seats, 3800 miles.....**£7995**

2005, SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI PD ELEGANCE DSG 5-Dr Hatchback, Sahara Beige, black eminent cloth, a/c, alarm, climate, c/c, 29309 miles.....**£11495**

2005, SKODA OCTAVIA 1.8 VRS 5-Dr Hatchback, Black Magic, black partial leather/metallic mesh cloth, a/c, alarm, alloys, c/c, 35295 miles.....**£9795**

2005, SKODA FABIA 1.9 TD VRS 5-Dr Hatchback, Diamond Silver, grey/black sports cross-tuck, a/c, alarm, cd, immobiliser, 28273 miles.....**£9495**

2004, SKODA FABIA 1.4 ELEGANCE (100 HP) 5-Dr Estate, Diamond Silver, black mystic cloth, abs, a/c, alarm, alloys, 6795 miles.....**£6795**

2003, SKODA FABIA 1.2 HTP (54 BHP) Classic 5-Dr Hatchback, Grey, onyx picabo cloth, airbags, cd, pas, immobiliser, 52500 miles....**£4495**

2001, SKODA FABIA 1.4 COMFORT 5-Dr Hatchback, Diamond Silver, black cloth, immobiliser, radio/cassette, 70200 miles.....**£2995**

2001, SKODA OCTAVIA 1.4 CLASSIC 5-Dr Hatchback, Diamond Silver, black cloth, immobiliser, cd, abs, 52250 miles.....**£3495**

2005, CITROEN XSARA PICASSO 1.6 HDi Exclusive 5-Door MPV, Blue, black velours corinthien bleu, abs, alarm, c/l, alloys, cd, c/l, 32295 miles.....**£8995**

2004, PEUGEOT 806 2.0 GLX MPV 7-SEATER, Blue, 28,000 miles, PAS, c/l, e/w.....**£8495**

2004, FORD KA 1.3 COLLECTION 3-Door Hatchback, Panther Black, black cloth, abs, airbags, a/c, alarm, cd, 15000 miles.....**£4495**

2004, VAUXHALL AGILA DESIGN 1.2 16V, 1 owner, FSH, PAS.....**£3495**

2003, MERCEDES-BENZ CLK 3.2 320 AVANTGARDE 2-Dr Cabriolet, Jasper Blue, grey leather, alloys, a/c, alarm, abs, cd, changer, 57550 miles.....**£19995**

2003, FORD MONDEO 2.5 GHIA X 5-Door Hatchback, Blue, black leather, alloys, alarm, abs, c/l, cd, c/c, 43500 miles.....**£5995**

2003, CITROEN C3 1.4 SX 5-Door Hatchback, Blue, grey sirius velour, airbag, alarm, abs, c/l, c/c, cd, e/w, immobiliser, 18734 miles.....**£5295**

2003, MG ZR 105 5-Dr Hatchback, Blue, black/blue monaco ash leather, airbags, abs, a/c, alloys, immobiliser, 33500 miles.....**£4995**

2002, DAIHATSU TERIOS SL, 5 Dr 1.3 16v, Silver, FSH, 2 owners....**£5295**

2001, VOLKSWAGEN GOLF 1.9 SE TDI PD ESTATE (130 BHP), Reflex Silver, black motion velour, abs, cd, autochanger, a/c, sunroof, 60596 miles.....**£6495**

2001, PEUGEOT 206 CC 1.6 S, Moonstone, black zagon cloth, abs, a/c, alarm, c/l, power hood, radio/cassette, 19800 miles.....**£5995**

2001, RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 Privilege 5-Dr Hatchback, Platinum, grey velour, airbags, a/c, alarm, cd, changer, 39805 miles.....**£3795**

ALFA ROMEO

146 T1, 5 door, p 1996, 2 owners from new with full service history. 2.0 engine produces 150bhp, 5 speed manual gearbox. 94000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

156 TS 16V TURISMO, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, air conditioning, cd player, radio, electric windows, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, 16" alloys, red, 58000 miles, £4699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, SE 5dr, remote central locking, alarm, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, electric front windows, electric mirrors, traction control, air conditioning, climate control, cd player, radio, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, blue, 56300 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

A3, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, silver, 61336 miles, £12999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0 TDI S LINE 4dr, audi a4 2.0 tdi s line 4dr honda honda ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2005, 32059 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £15280, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

A4, 1.9TDI 130 SE ESTATE, 2003, black m with grey cloth, 67000 miles, £9590, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

TT, QUATTRO, 577461, remote central locking, electric mirrors, e/w, air bag, abs, power steering, cd player, colour coded body, head restraints, full leather, metallic paintwork, central locking, multi-disc cd player, climate control, alloys, 4x4, olive green, 76000 miles, £8999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TT, QUATTRO 1.8 20V T25PS, dec 2001 wfs130d, three previous keepers, pas, remote central locking, climate control, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, single cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, esp, immobiliser, alarm, electric mirrors, front fog, tinted glass, seat height adjuster, grey leather interior, sports seats, alloys. brilliant black met, 45, 500 miles, £12, 995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

BENTLEY

ARNAGE, RED LABEL AUTO, 2001, blenheim silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £44950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

318 SE SALLON, 2002 (late lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey with immaculate grey trim, fsh, manual, traction control, ac, remote central locking, alarm, air con, power seats, ev x 4, electric & folding mirrors, front fog lamps, parking sensor, alloy wheels, grey met, 18112 miles, £14999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

318, 2003, mauritus blue, 25478 miles, £9995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 4864 3456 (TRADE)

320 TDI SE 6 Speed, 2004, black, 51000 miles, £9995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

325i, TURBO DIESEL, 1995 (m), 94 (m) bmw 325i turbo diesel 4 door saloon, stunning citrus yellow coachwork with grey velour trim, long met, pas, ev, air bags, remote central locking/alarm, f-h, huge 18" mono alloys, lowered, clear lights, recent service, etc, citrus yellow, miles, £only £1695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

6 SERIES, 6450 COUPE, 2004, mystic blue with black Dakota leather, 39800 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 7451 AUTO, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 7351 AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 7451 AUTO, 2002, silver met with black nascar leather, 52000 miles, £14950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

7 SERIES, 7351 AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

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7 SERIES, 7351 AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £11950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CHRYSLER

300C, 5.7V8 AUTO ESTATE, 2007, brilliant crystal met with dark and light slate gr, 10577 miles, £18950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

NEON, RT 16V, remote central locking, alarm, full leather, height adjustable seat, electric front windows, electric windows, traction control, radio cassette, cd player, air conditioning, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, abs, power steering, alloy wheels, silver, 57200 miles, £2695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

PT CRUISER 2.0LTD LIMITED auto petrol 2004 (54 plate) 35,000 miles, inferno red leather and suede interior air con central locking chrome wheels MOT 11 September tax till August £5995 01227 374023

CITROEN

CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 04 2005, 1.9d lx side door white pas 43,000 miles fsh lined, £4890, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

CITROEN BERLINGO 800, 04 05, 1.9 d lx side door electric windows 28, 000 miles, £5295, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i CACHET 3dr, 2008, 1.1i cachet 3dr hatch sp eds, arctic steel, 1000 miles, £7995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.1i DESIRE 5dr, 2006, 1.1i desire 5dr hatch special edition, silver, 16547 miles, £5195, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C3, 1.4i COOL 5dr, 2007, 1.4i cool 5dr hatch special edition, tuscian blue, 11287 miles, £6995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se met july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

CHARADE, 1.0 SL 5dr Hatchback, 07/2004, a/con alloy wheels electric windows central locking pas, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Chertlon Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

COPEN, ACTIVETOP 1.3, 08/2008, red leather interior pas remote central locking rear spoiler dual exhaust pipes a/con alloy sports seats, grey metallic, delivery miles, £12370, Chertlon Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

FIAT

PANDB, DYNAMIC, 2004, yellow, 32871 miles, £3995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2 6V ACTIVE Hatchback 3dr, 04/2004, electric windows city pas clocking awalling picture, grey, 51, 000 miles, £3995, Chertlon Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.2 6V Active 3dr, central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, abs, twin air bags, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, electric front windows, crystal green metallic, 15000 miles, £4490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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PUNTO, 1.2 Active 3dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, rear wash/wipe, folding rear seats, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, metallic paintwork, stereo, radio, cd player, red met, 19133 miles, £4997, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

PUNTO, active 1.2, 2003, silver, 45000 miles, £2995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PUNTO, Active Sport 8 valve, 03 2003, these puntos are very sought after, this one has service history power assisted steering with a city button, electric windows, alloy wheels, and returns an impressive fuel figures. it comes in a very low insurance and road tax groups, making it an ideal 1st car. the screen price includes a new met test a warranty and 6 months road tax finance subject to status px welcome. blue, 38, 000 miles, £3695, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 1.90, 2000, red, 31952 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PUNTO, Sporting 16v, 2003, met red, 55000 miles, £4195, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 16v Dynamic 5dr, gk540x, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, air bag, cloth upholstery, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, grey, 50000 miles, £4495, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 16v Dynamic 5dr, gk540x, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, air bag, cloth upholstery, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, grey, 50000 miles, £4495, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PUNTO, 16v Dynamic 5dr, gk540x, central locking, immobiliser, power steering, air conditioning, cd player, air bag, cloth upholstery, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, grey, 50000 miles, £4495, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

FORD

C-MAX, GHIA (2005) 5-Dr 1.8 Duratec

cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, green, £4749, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

C-MAX, GHIA (2005) 5-Dr 1.8 Duratec

abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, green, £4749, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FIESTA, STYLE 1.4TDi New model, 2005, moonstuid silver with charcoal/blue trim, 40000 miles, £6495, UM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 TDi Style Climate, 2007, moonstuid silver, 0 miles, £8995, CS Motors, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

FIESTA, 1.4 Zetec 3dr [Climate], adjustable seats, air conditioning, alloy wheels, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests, contact lewis gallego or tony mcwilliams. insurance group 5, blue, 7000 miles, £7915, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

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MINI

COOPER, 1.6, 2003, alloy drivers airbag electric mirrors e/w immobiliser passenger airbag pas rear electric windows remote central locking service history, aluminium silver, 48000 miles, £3900, A1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

COOPER, 3rd Auto, front fog lamps, parking sensor, half leather, remote central locking, alarm, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, e/w, electric mirrors, heated seats, air con, abs, power steering, 1c, alloys, red, 50100 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ONE, - 1.6 3dr, 959649, mini one 1.6 3dr mazda mazda Tunbridge Wells drake & fletcher black, 2004, 34500 miles, manual, petrol, 1 previous owners, black, £3495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

MINI ONE, 5 door, 2002, cd player air con central locking driver's airbag pas history check, red, 58500 miles, £7295, Pomphrey's of Sittingbourne, 01795 476222 (TRADE)

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L 200, 09 2006, 2.5 td 4-dt 4-litre 4x4 pick up air /con 9.000 miles light blue met blue, £9995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

L200, WARRIOR, h/v5h, immobiliser, black, 17500 miles, £2994, SMC Mitsubishi Erith, Erith, 0844 5762449 (TRADE)

LANCER, EVOLUTION IX 2.0 F0-320 4dr, gn6lru, adjustable steering column/wheel, alloy wheels, climate control, driver airbag, electric mirrors, e/w, immobiliser, passenger airbag, pas, rear armrest, remote locking, sports seats, red, 8896 miles, £21994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SHOGUN, 3.2 DI-DC Warrior 3dr Auto, 08, save over, silver, 25 miles, £24144, SMC Mitsubishi, Erith, Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

SHOGUN, 3.2 DI-DC WARRIOR 5dr Auto, 08, this is a new vehicle with a saving of over, black, 50 miles, £26688, SMC Mitsubishi Erith, 0844 5762449 (TRADE)

NISSAN

NISSAN PRIMASTAR 2700 SE, 092006, 1.9 dci 100 swb elec windows 6 speed beaver 5,000 miles as new, £995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

MICRA, CELEBRATION LTD EDN, 2000, celebration special editions; manual 3 door; green; body coloured bumpers; driver's airbag; folding rear seats; front head restraints; immobiliser; isofix child seat anchor points; cassette radio; pas; fsh; recent service; long mot; low insurance; great condition; green, 29000 miles, £1650, Folkestone, 01303 240796 (PRIVATE)

NAVARA, - OUTLAND Diesel Double Cab, 575649, nissan navara outland diesel double cab mazda mazda maidstone drake & fletcher blue, 2006, 21000 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, 1 previous owners, blue, £11495, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

NAVARA, DIESEL (2001 -), double cab, alloy wheels, brand new in stock, cd player, electric mirrors, electric windows, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp-leasing, lwb, pcp, blue, 67021 miles, £7490, SMC Ford Crayford, Crayford, 0844 4999792 (TRADE)

NOTE, 1.6 TEKNA 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, climate control, half leather, electric front windows, electric windows, multi-disc cd player, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, alloy wheels, met black, 1236 miles, £10299, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

PRIMERA, 1.8i SE 5dr, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, central locking, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, satellite navigation, rear wash/wipe, front fog lamps, parking sensor, alloy wheels, blue met, 35000 miles, £5999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

PEUGEOT

PEUGEOT EXPERT 815, 09 2005, 1.9d 3 seats twin doors 40.000 miles lined met silver, £5795, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

106, XN 3dr, 438461, radio upholstery, rear wash/wipe, air bag, radio cassette, red, 72000 miles, £1299, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

106, INDEP 1, finished in orange with interior, orange, 27000 miles, £3495, caffyns chevrolet 1 wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

206, GTI 3dr, 472461, remote central locking, half leather, metallic paintwork, alloys, blue, 52000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

306, 1.4, 1998, met red, 85046 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

307, 2.0 XSI HDI SW, alarm, remote alarm, adjustable steering column, cruise control, power steering, stability control, trip computer, electric mirrors, electric windows, powered folding mirrors, abs, half leather, multiple airbags, climate control, panoramic sunroof, height adjustable seat, auto lighting, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, radio cassette, steering wheel audio controls, multi-disc cd player, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, alloy wheels, black, 15400 miles, £7990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

406, LX, 1997, blue with beige, 16000 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

PORSCHE

911 CARRERA 4, 2002, meridian silver with blue leather, 46000 miles, £29950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

911 TURBO, 3.6 manual, 2003, black metallic with black leather, 17800 miles, £49950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CAYMAN, 3.4 S 2dr, 3.4 s 2dr coupe, 26000 miles, £33995, Wilmore's Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

PROTON

PERSONA, 1.5 GLSI Salon 4d 1468cc auto, s 1999, electric windows, power assisted steering, drivers airbag, sunroof, remote mirrors, radio cassette, green, miles, £1995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

RENAULT

RENAULT KANGOO s17 70 +, 01 2006, 1.5 dci door met silver elec pack 41.000 miles fsh manufacturers warranty, £4975, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

RENAULT MASTER T35, 08 2006, 2.5 dci 120 hi top air/con 36.000 miles fsh, £9995, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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CLIO, 1.2 16V EXTREME 3dr, 12265127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, alloy wheels, platinum silver, 15986 miles, £5999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

CLIO, 1.4 16V EXPRESSION 5dr Auto [AC], ht04huy, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, blue met, 25000 miles, £5999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, EXTREME 2.0 16V, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, storm blue, 15830 miles, £7495, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

LAGUNA, DYNAMIQUE 1.90CI, 2008, trim: part leather engine size: 1900 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, pearl black, 2000 miles, £19995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANE, OASIS 1.6 5 DR, 2005, trim: cloth engine size: 1600 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, flame red, 27200 miles, £6995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

MEGANE, SPORT 225, 2005, trim: leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 3, extreme orange, 20400 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

ROVER

200, 216 CARRIOLET, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

25, SEI 16V 5dr, h/v5 km, front fog lamps, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, alarm, immobiliser, height adjustable seat, alloy wheels, red, 10800 miles, £4995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

SAAB

9-3, LINEAR TID 1.9, oct 2004 g54wdc, two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin s side airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels, silver metallic, 32, 000 miles, £9, 495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

SEAT

ALTEA, SPORT TID 2.0 140PS 5dr DSG, nov 2004 g54day, one previous keeper, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, electric windows, 6 speed dsq gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin s side airbags, abs brakes, tcs, engine immobiliser, on-board computer, cruise control, electric mirrors, auto dim rear view mirror, front fog lamps, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, alloy wheels, steering column, seat height adjuster, sports seats, split rear seats, alloy wheels, parking sensors, two tier boot floor, luna grey metallic, 11, 000 miles, £11, 495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

ALTEA, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5dr DSG, 10/01/2006, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 23475 miles, £9499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 992321 (TRADE)

IBIZA, 1.4 DAB 5dr, 08/09/2006, cd player driver airbag power steering electric windows, grey, 17999 miles, £6999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

IBIZA, SX 1.2 12V 6APS 3dr, may 2005 0505uy, two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, electric windows, 5 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, front fog lamps, tinted glass, rear wash/wipe, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, split rear seats, alloy wheels, platinum grey metallic, 18, 500 miles, £5, 895, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

IBIZA, 2006, 3x3 point rear seat belts abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers cloth seat trim drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights front head restraints immobiliser isofix child seat anchor points pas passenger airbag radio/cd rear headrests rear wiper remote central locking sports seats steering wheel rake adjustment steering wheel reach adjustment, black magic, 10700 miles, £6695, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

LEON, 2006, luna grey, 13156 miles, £12495, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8464 3456 (TRADE)

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AVENSIS, 1.6 VVTI GS 4dr (2000 - 2003), 28/03/2002, driver airbag power steering electric windows, red, 36788 miles, £4499, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

CELICA, VVTi, 2006, red, 20000 miles, £11495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

MR2, 2.0, 369461, full leather, power steering, central locking, abs, air bag, electric windows, twin sunroofs, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, stereo, electric mirrors, uk supplied, 15" alloys, aluminiumsilverblack, 73000 miles, £4499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

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CORSA, 2002, green, 53303 miles, £3495, WJ King Vauxhall, Swanley, 01322 662890 (TRADE)

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BETTEL, 2.0, ld02adu, finished in silver with interior, silver, 70000 miles, £4020, Caffyns Tunbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

GOLF, S 3dr, gk52bmz, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, electric windows, cd player, immobiliser, electric mirrors, grey, 39000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

GOLF, S, 440461, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, electric windows, sunroof, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, stereo, 15" alloys, aluminium silver, 75000 miles, £4999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

GOLF, 2.0 GT FSI 5dr, ef04fnd, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, air conditioning, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lights, reflex silver, 57300 miles, £9999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

GOLF GTI, 1.8 Turbo, 2003 (52), manual g/bx, stunning met blue coachwork with black fleck trim, low mileage, service history, electric windows, mirrors, power steering, air bags, remote central locking, alarm/immobiliser, on board computer, cd hi-fi, recent service, alloy wheels, abs, only 1 former keeper, metallic blue, very low miles, £6995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 242444 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 2.0 SE TDI 4dr DSG, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, cruise control, central locking windows, electric windows, electric mirrors, alloy wheels, black, 35851 miles, £12999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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PASSAT, Highline 1.9 TDI, alarm, power steering, stability control, traction control, trip computer, abs, multiple airbags, side air bags, twin air bags, electric mirrors, electric windows, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, blue, 57000 miles, £9990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

PASSAT, 1.9 S TDI, ov03ytr, immobiliser, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, radio cassette, metallic grey, 71000 miles, £6290, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

PASSAT, SE TDI (130), g53ufy, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, rear armrest, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, radio, alloy wheels, light metallic blue, 69000 miles, £7990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)


PASSAT, (New Model) TDI (140) S, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, electric handbrake, alloy wheels, light metallic blue, 61000 miles, £11990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

PASSAT, Highline TDI 130 bhp, g04vex, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, cd player, radio, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, immobiliser, 16" alloys, grey, 89000 miles, £8499, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

PASSAT, - 1.9 Trendline TDI 100 5dr, silver, 2005, 13500 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £10895, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Tunbridge Wells, 0845 130 4298 (TRADE)

PASSAT Saloon, feb 2006, one previous keeper, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 5 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin s side airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, factory car alarm, on-board computer, cruise control, electric mirrors, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, split rear seats, alloy wheels, shadow blue metallic, 15, 000 miles, £12495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

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We are looking for individuals who will encourage learning for life and enhance our existing teams in the following areas:

Programme Area Leader - Hair Design Ref: EL1 Lecturer Grade C: £29,267 to £32,898

We are seeking to recruit an exceptional candidate to provide support to the Head of School on all staffing, student curriculum and quality issues. The post holder will deliver Hair Design programmes to full and part-time students and carry out regular observations of staff for the purpose of appraisal and quality improvement. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification and relevant vocational/academic subject qualification.

Lecturer in Hair Design Ref: EL2 Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 to £28,719

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Lecturer Grade B: £25,092 to

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Personal Tutor
(Full-time, Part-time & Maternity Cover)
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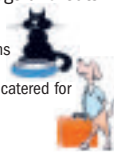


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with Business Editor
TONY PATEY

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Play the field when looking for finance

APPROACHING your bank is not necessarily the best strategy when you need finance. It makes better sense to see what the whole market is offering before you make a decision on a key move.

CFS, and independent commercial finance broker, based in Dover and Maidstone, says businesses need to search for the right package with lending is not limited to the high street lenders.

The market continues to grow with new lenders providing new services, some only available through the intermediary market. Principals Marcus Abbott and Andrew Craddock, who between them have 50 years' experience as commercial bankers, say that businesses need to take expert advice.

Online health check on offer to firms

BOSSES can now check the health of their businesses with the help of a free online guide. Business Link's health check tool, available at www.businesslink.gov.uk/southeast/healthcheck, can help companies analyse their finance and administration systems.

Business Link's Richard Green said: "Identifying and tackling any problems early on can markedly increase the chances of success. A few minutes online could be critical to the health and life of an organisation."

The rogues' gallery

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Protection from bad debts could save your firm

BAD debts are on the rise – with the number of judgments against businesses hitting a six-year high, latest figures show.

Independent commercial finance company IGF is urging small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to consider bad-debt protection to hedge against the increase in bad business debts.

The problem was highlighted recently by the Registry Trust, a not-for-profit company which collects and distributes court judgment information in the public interest throughout the UK.

It said there was a marked increase in bad debt judgments against businesses in 2007. The rise of four per cent to 185,395 took the number of judgments to the highest level since 2001.

Malcolm Hurlston, the chairman of Registry Trust, said: "The next 12 months should be interesting."

"I certainly expect the upward trend in commercial judgments to continue in 2008 which promises to be a tough year for British businesses, especially in the small and medium-sized enterprise sector, against which most commercial judgments are made."

IGF, which is based at Kings Hill, West Malling, said it can, for example, offer a bad-debt protection facility to both factoring and invoice discounting clients' and will be worked out to the needs of individual businesses.

Businesses going for bad-debt protection can get protection for up to 90 per cent of any loss suffered by reason of the failure of a debtor to pay, owing to insolvency or just not paying.

IGF's managing director Tracy Ewen, said: "No one likes unforeseen bad debt, and for SMEs and start-ups, it could seriously jeopardise the survival of their businesses."



CASH FLOW: Managing director Tracy Ewen of Kings Hill-based IGF, which can offer bad-debt protection

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DECISIVE: Yasir Arafat bowled Kent to victory against the Essex Eagles

Eagles plucked by Arafat spell

A SUPERB opening spell from Yasir Arafat helped Kent Spitfires beat Essex Eagles comfortably at Chelmsford on Friday for their fourth successive win in the Friends Provident Trophy.

The Pakistan all-rounder took 4-29 to rip through the hosts' top order. Essex, who set a club record 391-5 in their previous game against Surrey, never recovered and stumbled to 124 all out in the 26th over.

Earlier, South African all-rounder Justin Kemp continued his good form with a half-century. Kent batted patiently on a difficult wicket to reach 230-7 from their allocation.

The 106-run victory, their fifth successive triumph in all competitions, sent Rob Key's men top of the

CRICKET

South/East group. Kent got away to a good start after winning the toss as opening pair Joe Denly and Rob Key put on 62 for the first wicket.

Graham Napier removed Denly and Martin van Jaarsveld in successive balls to dent the visitors' progress, but Kemp provided the backbone with a measured innings.

The big-hitting South African struck just three boundaries in his patient knock of 51.

Darren Stevens (17), Geraint Jones (23) and Azhar Mahmood (15) all made contributions before James

Tredwell and Arafat combined for a quick partnership in the closing overs.

In reply, the Eagles stuttered almost immediately as Arafat dismissed the dangerous Mark Pettini, who had smashed 144 at The Oval five days earlier, for just one run.

Ravi Bopara, who had scored 99 against Kent in the first game of the competition, then fell first ball to Arafat as Essex were reduced to 9-2.

After a flurry of boundaries from Jason Gallian, the Spitfires struck the decisive blow. Five wickets fell for 26 runs to leave the Eagles in deep trouble on 61-7.

Some resistance followed, but it fell well short of the miracle Essex needed to pull off an unlikely win.

Spanton and Snell keep the target low

A FIVE-WICKET haul for Craig Spanton helped restrict Beckenham to just 112 runs as Sandwich secured a win by 82 runs.

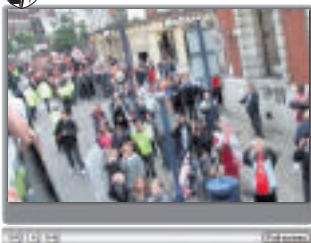
Beckenham asked Sandwich to bat first and managed to bowl them out for just 194 runs, Craig Snell top-scoring with 64 before he was bowled by Johan Malcolm.

However, an accurate bowling display helped Sandwich secure the win as Spanton and Snell took nine wickets between them. The only resistance was James Goodman, who made 44 runs before falling to the bowling of Snell.

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Revival hopes fade as rain stops play

RAIN scuppered Broadstairs's chances of securing their first win of the season as their match with Orpington was abandoned.

Broadstairs lost their opening match of the season against The Mote by three wickets and were hoping to lift themselves from the bottom half of the Kent Division One table. They will have to wait until this Saturday, when they take on fellow strugglers Tenterden.

Tenterden also lost their opening match of the season and both sides will be giving it their all to secure their first win. Broadstairs are four points above Tenterden in the league table.

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Stevens quickfire ton sees off Brown Caps

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

KENT Spitfires moved a step closer to the quarter-finals of the Friends Provident Trophy with a nail-biting 17-run victory over the Surrey Brown Caps.

Short boundaries at the St Lawrence Ground made for a high-scoring game in which more than 650 runs were racked up.

Mark Butcher's highest one-day score was not enough for Surrey as Kent's bowlers held their nerve with some disciplined bowling at the death to win a thriller at Canterbury on Sunday.

The former England batsman struck a brisk 139 to set Surrey up for a memorable victory, but Azhar Mahmood took four late wickets to hand Kent victory.

Earlier, Martin van Jaarsveld and Darren Stevens hit centuries in a partnership of 216 to give the Spitfires hope of a fifth successive win in the competition.

A flat wicket and benign conditions made the game a batsman's paradise in which bowlers had to work hard for their wickets.

Surrey won the toss and opted to field but could not find a breakthrough under the early cloud cover. Openers Rob Key and Joe Denly batted well before the former flicked Chris Jordan's first delivery to Mark Ramprakash midway to the boundary.

Denly looked set for a half-century but lost his middle stump to Jordan on 46.

The bowler took his third wicket when South African Justin Kemp went for six to leave Kent on 121-3.

The all-rounder's departure brought together van Jaarsveld and Stevens, and the pair worked well to keep the score ticking over.

With the overs running out and seven wickets still in hand, Stevens took the initiative to accelerate the scoring.

Ablly supported by van Jaarsveld, he put on 147 from the last 12 overs. Stevens's century came from just 67 balls and van Jaarsveld scored his runs from 108 balls.

Stevens finished unbeaten on 119, while van Jaarsveld hit 113.

The Brown Caps needed almost seven runs an over in their reply, but Butcher kept the scoring rate going with some fluent strokes.

Boosted by an attacking Usman Afzaal,



BACK TO BASICS: Darren Stevens made a welcome return to form with an unbeaten century against the Brown Caps

Surrey needed 48 off the last seven overs to win, with seven wickets remaining.

But as the game appeared to be slipping away from the Spitfires, all-rounder Ryan McLaren removed Butcher.

Mahmood and Yasir Arafat were then brought into the attack and took the last six wickets in the final five overs to turn the tide in Kent's favour.

The Spitfires' fifth successive win in the competition almost guarantees them a place in the quarter-finals. They can make sure by avoiding defeat against Middlesex on Monday.

• Kent play Somerset today in the first day of Tunbridge Wells cricket week. Rob Key's side take on a Somerset team led by Australian Justin Langer, looking to progress in the county championship.

Picture: ADY KERRY

Boardroom chaos has club stranded

FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

MARGATE'S urgent need for a new manager was highlighted this week when secretary Ken Tomlinson revealed the club had just three players contracted for next season.

The power vacuum at Hartsdown has led to a player exodus and Tomlinson expects further departures, including that of keeper Scott Chalmers-Stevens.

"We've got to get a manager in because he's got to get players coming in," said Tomlinson.

"At the moment we've only got three players on contract for next season. Scott Chalmers-Stevens has been transfer-listed and he had one year left on his contract.

"We've offered deals to players under 24, but with all the dallying and dallying at the club we've lost James Pinnock and Jay Saunders and it looks like the side is going to break up."

Steve McKimm, Jimmy Jackson and Rob Haworth are all expected to leave and although Tomlinson remains hopeful that a new manager will be appointed by the end of this week he confirmed the boardroom turmoil at the club had contributed to the player drain.

Former Gillingham players Barry Ashby and Paul Smith were interviewed by one director a fortnight ago, but a lack of boardroom



NEXT OUT? Goalkeeper Scott Chalmers-Stevens (left) and Steve McKimm could be the next duo to leave Margate

unity meant no decision was taken on whether or not to employ them, either as a partnership, or individually.

An advert was then placed in the non-league paper asking for applicants to ring chairman Malcolm Rowlett, but his mobile number was posted on the internet by a militant supporter, urging fans to ring him demanding information.

Tomlinson said he had personally been con-



tacted by "four or five" applicants but admitted he didn't know how many had tried to contact Rowlett directly.

The club are looking for a manager with experience at Ryman Premier Division level or higher and will be interviewing three or four candidates this week.

For the full story and updates as to who will take over from Robin Trott at Hartsdown Park, visit www.yourthanet.co.uk.

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NEW SIGNINGS: Ben Brown (left) and Jack Delo have both signed for Ramsgate from Herne Bay

Ward snaps up Brown from Bay

RAMSGATE made their fourth signing of the summer with the capture of Ben Brown from Herne Bay.

The right midfielder joins Mo Takaloo, Jack Delo and Steven Lloyd at the Southwood Stadium as Jim Ward looks to replace Dean Hill, Olly Schulz and Sam Jones who departed for Dover Athletic last week.

Brown, who made his debut for Kent League side Herne Bay at the age of 16, ended up as the club's second highest scorer, behind fellow Ram Aaron Firth, and was named supporters' player of the year.

Ward told the club's website: "I've heard more about this boy than any other lad over the last year I suppose. Danny [Ward] has been to watch him a couple of times and thought loads of him, and Richard Lawson has seen him as well.

"We've signed him on a two-year deal so let's hope it works out. He's a nice lad who's got everything about him, good stature and pace, we'll find out about him pre-season."

The Rams boss said he signed Delo because he expects Paul Wilkerson to leave the club this summer. That will mean a straight fight out between the new man from Herne Bay and Shaun Alliston.

Ward added: "When he stood in, Shaun Alliston for me did really, really well and surprised a lot of people, and in the back of my mind I kept thinking 'can he be my first team goalkeeper?' But then I got the chance to sign Jack Delo from Herne Bay."

Ward also revealed the Southwood Stadium will have a new look to it next season, which will give an opportunity for supporters to make themselves heard.

He said: "By the time the pre-season friendlies are taking place the ground will look completely different with the new enclosures behind the goals. It will be great for the supporters, I know they've been looking for a place to really bang it out, so that will be super for them and the atmosphere will improve."

Albion do the double after Premier Cup win

SUNDAY LEAGUE

A FORTNIGHT after an own goal robbed them of the chance of glory in the KCFB Premier Cup Final, Premier Division Champions Albion Athletic made amends when they completed a double on Sunday.

Athletic beat their closest rivals, second-placed Birchington USC, 2-1 in the final of the Premier Division Cup at St Lukes.

The Senior Invitation Cup Final between AC Sharpy's United and Generation Sport, also due to be played at St Lukes, was postponed.

In the Premier Division, Lloyds McCarthy retain a mathematical chance of pipping Birchington to the runners-up slot after a 2-1 win over lowly Northwood Dormans, but only a freak combination of results will deny Birchington, who get the chance for revenge on Athletic when they host them this Sunday.

The only game in Division One saw the mid-table clash between The Bell Inn and Mirage end in a 2-2 draw, Hobbs scoring twice for the home side.

In Division Two, Nottingham



GLORY: Albion Athletic celebrate after winning the Premier Division Cup

Castle thrashed 180 United 10-1. The champions completed the season in style, reaching the 100-goal mark.

Saunders are now guaranteed the runners-up slot after a 2-1 win over second-from-bottom Lesters.

Division Three runners-up Don Ronaldo may have felt they had a point to prove when they took on champions Strokes, beating them 5-3 to reduce Strokes' lead at the top of the table to eight points.

In the division's other fixture, St Lawrence Tavern beat Blacksole Rovers 5-3, while in Division Four Hugin United beat York Arms 6-1 to secure second-place.

Palmer scoops silver in youth championships

SWIMMING

LACEY Palmer became the first member of Thanet Swim Club to win a silver medal at the South East Youth Championships at Aldershot.

The 15-year-old surged into the lead in her heat to record a new long course personal best of 1:01.42 in the 14-15 year age group. The time also beat the club's open age record, though she fell agonisingly short of the national qualifying time, missing the mark by just 0.12 of a second.

Thanet, known as the Seahawks, sent an 11-man squad to the championships and were rewarded with an unprecedented medal haul, adding two bronze medals to Palmer's silver.

Charlotte Davis, 14, reached the open age finals in two gruelling events, and her time of 2:30.18 was enough to win the bronze medal in the 14-15 year age group for the 200m individual medley, and beat the national qualifying mark for the fourth time this season.

It was also good enough for fourth place in the open age section and she managed another fourth in the 200m butterfly, with



CARVED IN BRONZE: Charlotte Davis with the two bronze medals she won for Thanet Swim Club

another personal best of 2:28.78.

Davis grabbed her second bronze when she swam the 400m individual medley in 5:11.62 and with a little luck the Seahawks might have won even more medals, with a number of near misses.

Sharnie Clements came fourth in the 50m breaststroke and Kelly Henson fifth in the 800m freestyle for 14-15 year olds.

Jack Little broke the club record for the 50m butterfly for 15-16 year olds with 32.85.



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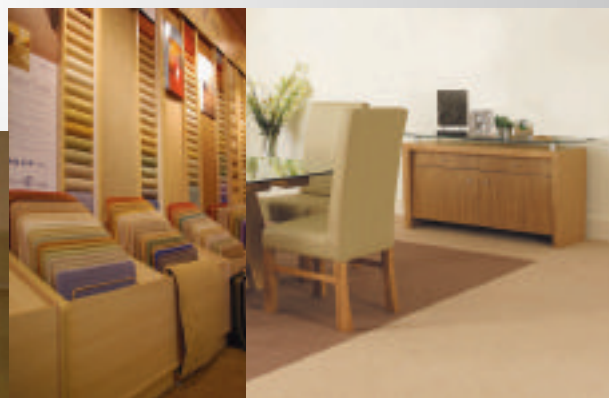
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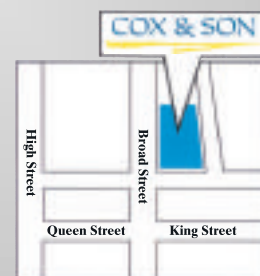
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